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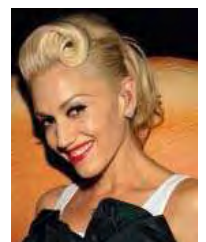
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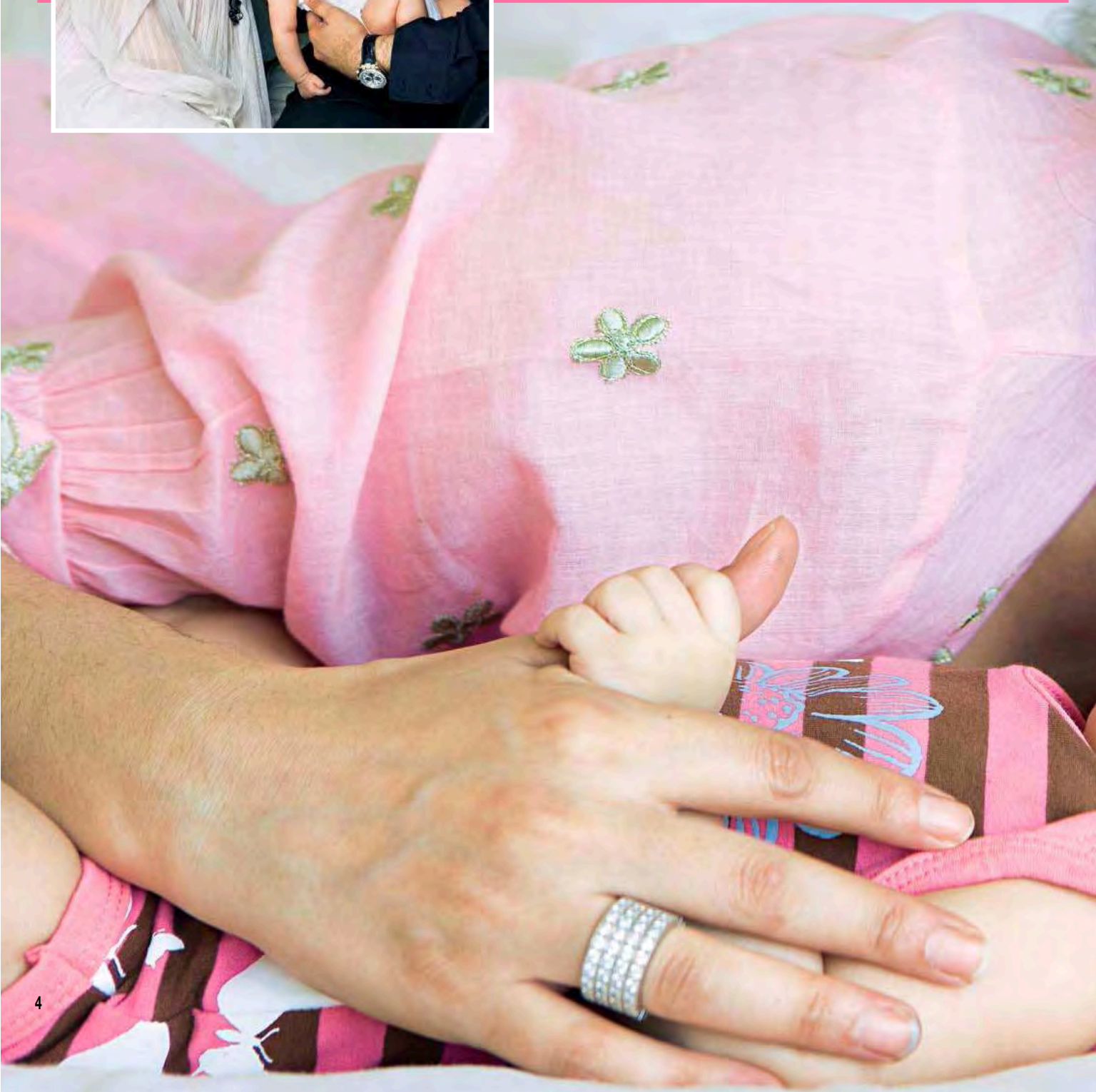
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**INTRODUCES BABY INEZ AND TELLS**  
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**TO MILLIONAIRE NASA KHAN**

**'At first Nasa and I went into panic mode but I think we've rediscovered what it was that brought us together in the first place'**





Laila's completely in love with little Inez. At first she thought she might have to bring her up as a single mother, having separated from husband Nasa (top left, with Laila and daughter), but the couple were reconciled soon after the birth

**'We started spending a lot more time together and sat down one day and decided Inez and I should move back in. It just seemed natural that we'd give it another go'**

**A**ctress Laila Rouass couldn't be more delighted with her first child, two-month-old daughter Inez. "I look at her and think how such a little person has changed my life so dramatically," says the former *Footballers' Wives* star. "I spent the first seven days in hospital just staring at her – I just don't want to let her out of my sight."

Her elation is all the sweeter when you consider that she's faced considerable heartache in recent months. In events more dramatic than a *Footballers' Wives* script, Laila only discovered she was pregnant when she was around four and a half months into her term. A month later, she temporarily separated from her husband Nasa Khan and moved out of their shared flat. Then, when she was eight months pregnant, she was rushed to hospital after being punched in the stomach by a mystery attacker outside a flat she was renting in London's Docklands.

"Fortunately I'm a strong person," she says philosophically. "I don't really dwell on what's happened. It's amazing the strength you find when you need it – you've just got to deal with things the best you can."

Laila's first shock was discovering she was pregnant in spite of taking the Pill. She had gone to the doctor with back pains, presuming she had a kidney infection. "I'd had a kidney infection before – and it feels like somebody is literally kicking you in the back – and I'd put on a bit of weight, but it didn't really look like I had a bump. But pregnancy hadn't even crossed my mind. I was still going to auditions."

How did she react to the news? "I couldn't believe it. I was over the moon and it was a pleasant surprise, but then Nasa and I went into panic mode when we realised that our lives were going to change drastically in a very short amount of time."

Laila, 31, had married Nasa, 34, the multimillionaire founder and chairman of mobile phone accessory company The Accessory People, in a low-key ceremony in the London private members' club Home House in November 2005.

"Like most married couples, we'd talked about having children but it wasn't in our plans for the immediate future," says Laila.

The couple soon began to have problems. "There were never any arguments, we just stopped communicating," says Laila. "We had four months to prepare for a baby and we each dealt with it in our own way."

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The Khans at home together in Nasa and Laila's stunning riverside penthouse in Putney, southwest London. It's no place to bring up children though, the couple think, and they're in the middle of house hunting in Sussex for a family home



Laila's back to her enviable pre-baby figure. She didn't realise she was pregnant for months – “it didn't really look like I had a bump”. Nasa bought the giant teddy bear (right) the day Inez was born. “I think he got a bit carried away,” smiles Laila

“I started focusing on wanting to be a good mum, and it wasn't that Nasa didn't want the baby, I just think that he was probably scared.

“When you're pregnant, the whole world revolves around your pregnancy, and that's all you want to talk about. Nasa was at work so much – he works such long hours – and maybe he felt disconnected.”

When Laila was around six months pregnant, the couple sat down and reached a mutual, amicable decision to separate. Londoner Laila, whose father is Moroccan and mother comes from Goa in India, was brought up in the Brick Lane area of the East End, so she found a rented flat closer to her family.

“As Nasa was working such a lot, I really needed to be around my family. I felt a bit lonely living so far away from my mum and dad and I wanted the comfort of having them around,” she says. “Nasa and I both needed some time and space to work out what we were going to do.”

Separating from a partner must be even more difficult when there's a pregnancy. “It was lonely and upsetting,” agrees Laila, who is the eldest of seven children. “It was scary to think that I might be bringing up a child on my own.

“At the same time, however, it was a joint decision to separate, and I adapted. My main concern was the wellbeing of my baby and I didn't want to be stressed throughout

**‘I spent the first seven days in hospital just staring at her – I don't want to let her out of my sight’**

my pregnancy, so I wanted to keep my chin up.”

Her resilience was severely tested, however, when she was twice admitted to hospital before the birth – the first time as a result of stomach cramps. “We hadn't been separated for long and I thought something was seriously wrong. Doctors gave me the all-clear but they didn't know what had caused the pains.”

She made another emergency hospital visit after she was hit in the stomach during an unprovoked attack in her apartment block. She reported the incident to police

but is unsure whether they made any arrests. “One guy came up and hit me and the other just smirked and laughed about it,” she recalls. “I couldn't believe that a man could be so brutal and do that to somebody who is pregnant. Pregnancy is a time when you cry at the drop of a hat, let alone when someone tries to harm you and your baby.”

Laila was driven to hospital by her brother. Did she think she'd lost her child? “I remember that I didn't feel her kicking for about an hour or so afterwards and I began thinking the worst. Then I started getting pains and I thought I was going into early labour.”

Fortunately, doctors confirmed both mother and daughter were fine – and Inez was born on 15 February by elective Caesarean at London's exclusive Portland Hospital, weighing 6lb 11oz.

“At first I thought I'd go through the whole water birth thing and no drugs,” says Laila. “But then I started reading up on natural births and I thought, ‘I'm not going through this if I don't have to.’ I understand why women do it, but I just wasn't brave enough, to be honest.”

The former *Hollyoaks* actress had kept in touch with Nasa during their separation and they had met up a few times. He was present at the birth and cut the umbilical cord.

“A few weeks before I gave birth, I started panicking that I wouldn't bond with the





Laila's got a glamorous lifestyle now, but she's seen the other side of the coin, being brought up in London's East End. Her first job was with her mother's catering company, but she was sacked for being late! She spent six years in India and became a popular TV presenter before moving back and getting a break as Dale Jackson in *Hollyoaks*



baby – and I felt really guilty for having those thoughts,” admits Laila. “But as soon as she was born, I was in tears and instantly fell in love with her. It’s such a magical experience. And Nasa loves her to bits.”

Within days, the couple had decided to reunite. “Neither of us had wanted it to finish permanently,” she says. “We started spending a lot more time together and sat down one day and decided Inez and I should move back in. It just seemed natural that we’d give it another go.”

The family are staying for now in their spectacular southwest London penthouse overlooking the Thames, though Laila and Nasa are house hunting for a more child-friendly home in Sussex.

Has their relationship changed at all? “That’s a difficult one to answer. I think we’ve rediscovered what it was that brought us together in the first place,” she says.

The couple had met when Laila was doing a photo shoot for the magazine *Asian Woman*, which was one of Nasa’s business ventures. They “just clicked” and



**'I started panicking that I wouldn't bond with the baby and I felt really guilty. But as soon as she was born, I was in tears and instantly fell in love with her. It's such a magical experience'**



married less than a year later. Nasa prepared the way for his proposal with a pair of gold Jimmy Choo stilettos.

How confident is she about their future? "When you've been through something like this, you've got to take it one day at a time," says the former model. "I've got to look at the positives and I'm as optimistic as anybody in a marriage. I made vows and I want to stick to them."

"If we're going to start over again, then we're going to have to forget about what happened in the past. Both sides say terrible things and behave in awful ways, but there's no point holding a grudge or thinking about it."

Nasa is also determined to make more time for his family. "He really is committed to this," she says. "It's really special to see that bond between a father and daughter."

Laila, who spent six years living in India, during which she appeared in Bollywood films and was a music television presenter, will return to work next month. She will be filming *Shoot on Sight*, which is loosely based on

(LEFT) TUNIC DRESS: POLEO AT HARVEY NICHOLS AND WHISTLES. BRACELET: PEBBLE. (ABOVE) DRESS: WE ARE REPLAY. NECKLACE: LAURA ASHLEY

Laila says she didn't have time to prepare a nursery before she moved back in with Nasa, but little Inez seems comfortable enough for now. Her name is Spanish in origin, but both her parents were brought up as Muslims and like the fact that it is close to the Arabic name "Inas", which means "sociability"



**Happy together:** businessman Nasa was present at Inez's birth and cut the umbilical cord. "Nasa loves her to bits," says a contented Laila

**'It wasn't that Nasa didn't want the baby, I think that he was scared. Now he really is committed. It's so special to see that bond between a father and daughter'**



the bombings of 7 July 2005 and the Jean Charles de Menezes shooting.

"We're going to get a nanny for Inez, but only at the last minute when I really need one," she says. "It's important for me to return to work. I love being a mum but I thought that I'd be a better mother if I can have some 'me time' as well."

"When a good work project comes up, I don't want to turn it down. Inez can spend time on set with me – I'm very fortunate that I've got that choice."

Laila was previously married, aged 16, to a family friend. "We weren't dating for very long – we were just kids and I didn't take it that seriously. My parents were really angry. I moved to India soon afterwards, and it was over very quickly." She eventually divorced in 2003.

Can she imagine if one day Inez did the same? "God forbid," she says, adding: "I've now got a new-found respect for my parents and what they've had to endure."

She also wouldn't be keen for her daughter to follow her into showbusiness. "There's an ugly side to the business," she says.

Where does Laila see herself in five years' time? "I've never been the kind of person who maps out my life – when I went to India, I was there to shoot a movie and ended up staying for six years. But I'd still like to be working and to have another child. I just want to be happy and content."

Meanwhile, she's focusing on Inez. "There's so much to look forward to: every day she changes, she smiles a bit more and she's more alert. The future is really bright."

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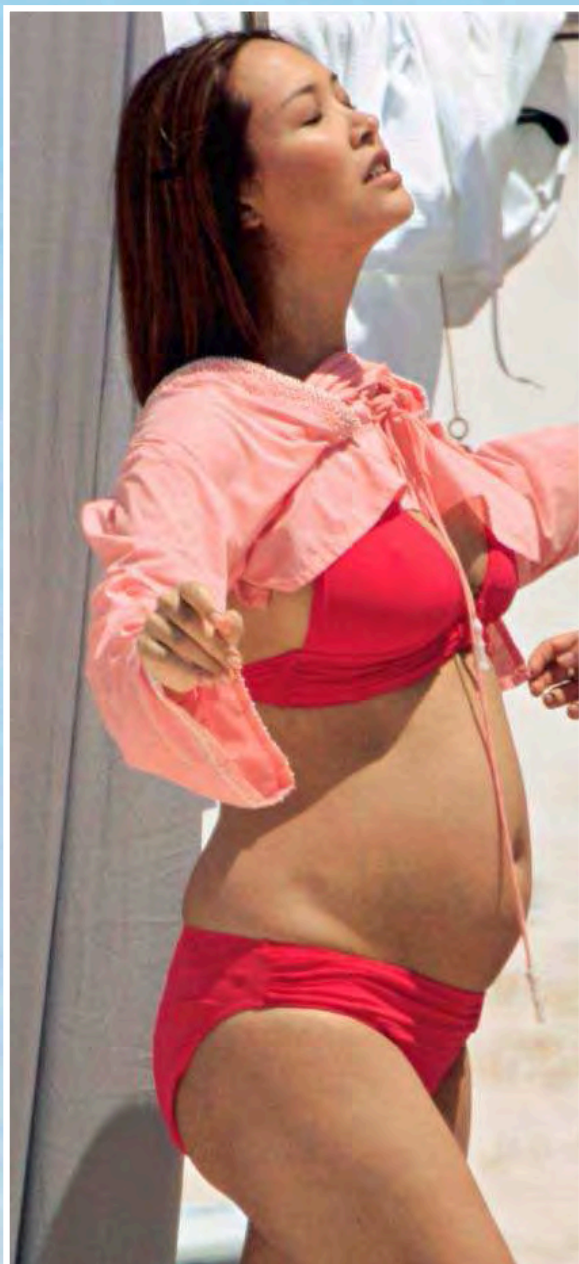


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# CELEBRITY SURVIVOR **MYLEENE KLASS** STILL THE PERFECT MODEL AS SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO MOTHERHOOD

**'She was glowing and clearly so proud – she kept patting her bump and smiling serenely'**





**P**osing in the Bahamas on a photo shoot, Myleene Klass makes pregnancy look blooming marvellous.

The musician and TV star, who first found fame in the band Hear'Say, was snapped up by Marks & Spencer to be a "face" of its spring/summer collections, including swimwear, after her dazzling appearances in a bikini as a contestant on *I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!*. And the high street giant saw no reason why it shouldn't carry on with its fashion shoot when 29-year-old Myleene subsequently discovered she was expecting a baby with fiancé Graham Quinn.

As the classically trained pianist was photographed on the beach complete with her burgeoning bump, an M&S spokesman said: "She was working for us before she was pregnant and obviously we are delighted she is modelling the range at the moment. She's modelling the normal range of bikinis, suitable for anyone who is pregnant or not pregnant."

Myleene's former Hear'Say band-mate Suzanne Shaw recently explained that her friend wasn't worried about losing her famous figure as the baby grows: "Myleene is blessed with good genes, so although she goes to the gym and makes sure she eats well, she just looks fantastic naturally."

"I'm sure she'll find losing the baby weight easy enough. She has a relaxed attitude to her body image and I think it's great that someone like her, proud of their curves, is looked up to."

An onlooker in the Bahamas confirmed that Myleene, now four months pregnant, was revelling in her new look. "She was glowing and clearly so proud of her new tummy – she kept patting her bump protectively and smiling serenely."

The busy mum-to-be is hardly going to be putting her feet up any time soon, however. She is a panellist on *The National Lottery People's Quiz* on Saturday nights, has a new record contract with EMI Classics and a show with CNN. But she has put some plans on hold – namely, her wedding to Graham, a former Hear'Say bodyguard, which seems likely to be delayed until next year. **H**

**Myleene memorably showed off her curves on *I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!* (top) – her white bikini even sold for £7,000 on eBay – and during her shoot in the Bahamas she looks just as swell at four months pregnant**



# DAVID AND VICTORIA

## JET TO PARIS FOR A ROMANTIC BIRTHDAY SURPRISE



**V**ictoria Beckham thought that she'd be celebrating her 33rd birthday with a Chinese meal – but her husband David had other ideas. The former England football captain whisked her away to Paris on a private jet to a suite at the Ritz, a romantic meal at the exclusive Guy Savoy restaurant and shopping at fashion houses such as Azzedine Alaïa, where Victoria selected a custom-made £7,000 dress.

"It was Victoria's day and David made it really special," a close friend tells **HELLO!** "He even secretly packed her luggage for her as she thought they would just be having lunch with their boys."

David, 31, spent weeks planning the secret getaway, including arranging for the first sample pair of her new white jeans to be sent by Western Glove Works, the company with whom she is creating a new denim range. Victoria proudly wore the jeans, which feature fluorescent piping, as she and David went shopping in Paris.

The Real Madrid midfielder – soon to move to America and play for the LA Galaxy – had arranged for some of the city's exclusive fashion houses to open just for the style-conscious couple – in the Christian Louboutin showroom, Victoria snapped up a pair of £1,500 made-to-measure heels.

"They've both been so busy lately, with

football, their children and travelling to the States," says the friend. "So it was really nice for them to have some quality time on their own."

Next month, mother-of-three Victoria starts filming a six-part TV documentary for the American NBC network. "So far, it's only being shown in the States – but just about every territory on the planet is interested," says a friend.

The Beckhams are said to be less than happy with a mock documentary planned by Sky TV, however, which shows lookalikes touring LA pretending to be the celebrity couple. Their lawyers have been in touch with the satellite channel.

And contrary to some reports, the former Spice Girl's real show will not be a reality show, like Katie Price and Peter Andre's. "That's not her style," a source tells **HELLO!** "The programme won't feature David or the boys – it will follow her move to the US and her fashion business."

"It won't be about Victoria and her celebrity mates – although I wouldn't be surprised if Katie Holmes makes an appearance."

"Victoria is very funny on camera and it will make for brilliant TV. It will allow people to see behind the pout, sunglasses and high fashion." **H**

REPORT: DAWN EMERY



16 Out shopping, Victoria wore jeans from her new collection, while David was in a T-shirt that exposed his new tattoos – the intricate designs are based on those seen on the Michael Scofield character in US drama *Prison Break*. "He's a big fan of the show and watches a lot of American TV," says a friend



David and Victoria emerge from the Guy Savoy restaurant where they enjoyed a celebratory meal. David stuck with what he knew in the birthday surprise stakes – he'd taken Victoria to Paris for a romantic break for her 31st birthday too

# A NEW LOOK FOR COVER GIRL KATIE HOLMES COURTESY OF NEW BEST FRIEND VICTORIA

**'Katie is very talented, deep, and strong-minded. She wants to work, but her priority is her family. I think that's commendable'**

**W**hen Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes visited their favourite LA restaurant last week – on the eve of daughter Suri's first birthday – it was a low-key affair. Katie, whose face looked free of make-up, was dressed casually for the Beverly Hills dinner in black jeans and a shimmery bomber jacket.

It's a much more glamorous Katie who appears on the cover of *Harper's Bazaar* thanks, in part, to her close friend Victoria Beckham. The former Spice Girl was invited to be Katie's stylist for the photo shoot when the pair dined with the magazine's editor-in-chief Glenda Bailey during Paris Fashion Week last October.

"It was such great fun to spend time with Victoria in Paris," says Katie.

The women are developing a close bond thanks to their shared interests in fashion and family. "Katie is very talented, very deep, very creative and strong-minded," says Victoria. "She wants to work but her priority is her family, Tom and the kids, and I think that's very commendable."

Tom, 44, has recently filmed political drama *Lions for Lambs*, his first project as head of the revived United Artists studio, while Katie has returned to work for the first time since giving birth to Suri. She took her daughter to Louisiana while she shot *Mad Money*, a comedy in which she plays a bank robber. The film co-stars Diane Keaton and Queen Latifah. "I loved it from the second I read the script," says Katie, 28. "I love interesting female characters."

She also loved working with Victoria, 33, on the *Harper's* photo shoot, something not lost on editor Glenda. "Victoria has a strong sense of style – she knew the pieces she wanted Katie to wear," she says.

Victoria described the experience as "hard work" but enjoyable. "Katie was great to work with, and listened to my suggestions on style and creatives. I'm really pleased with the shots," she said on her website. **H**



Tom and Katie leave CUT in Beverly Hills, which is run by Oscars caterer Wolfgang Puck. Katie's casual dress was in sharp contrast to her ultra-glam image in *Harper's Bazaar* courtesy of stylist Victoria Beckham





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## AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO MARK TEN UNFORGETTABLE YEARS AT DIOR



**'There are no rules in fashion - or if there are, they should be forgotten immediately'**

**T**his is a bittersweet time for John Galliano. Just as he is weathering tragedy – the sudden death earlier this month of his “rock”, great friend and longtime collaborator Steven Robinson – he’s also marking a career high: his tenth anniversary in his dream role as artistic director of Christian Dior.

As demonstrated by this season’s incredible haute couture collection, inspired by Madame Butterfly and Galliano’s travels to the Far East, each and every facet of his world, from his persona to his perfectly-confectioned garments, can be described in two words: pure spectacle. Known for both his theatrical catwalk shows and his endless list of celebrity clients – everyone from Nicole and Gwyneth to Madonna and Gwen – the couturier is the king of avant-garde fashion.

Whether deemed deliciously sublime or downright bizarre – the latter would likely include his homeless-themed collection some years ago – his creations have inspired shock, admiration and, inevitably, imitation.

Though he came into the world in Gibraltar in 1960, Galliano’s career was born more than two decades later in London, after he finished at the top of his class at Central St Martin’s College of Art and Design. After becoming a key figure on the British fashion scene in the Eighties, in 1990 he showed in Paris for the first time.

He was so well-received that within five years he was chosen to revive Givenchy in the hope of returning the iconic label to its previous splendour. And that he did, deftly stepping into the shoes of design legend Hubert de Givenchy, the founder of the house and the man credited with turning Audrey Hepburn into a style icon.

Soon, it was Christian Dior that knocked on his door, something which Galliano himself calls a dream come true. In 1997, the designer made his first Dior gown – a navy blue creation that Diana, ►



Born in Gibraltar and raised in London, Galliano soon became synonymous with Parisian chic after moving to France in 1990. His dream came true a decade ago when he was selected as artistic director for Christian Dior. Of the fashion house's legacy he says: "Monsieur Dior planted the seed. I simply take care of the branches and keep it in bloom"



**'A "total look" is what we present on the catwalk, from head to toe, from hat to heels. Off the runway, it's for a woman to put her own stamp on it, turn the muse into a reality'**

mean the fact that his house, his brand, his name and his success, everything, came from his constant wish to evolve, to stay fresh, to conserve a 'new look'. Monsieur Dior planted the seed. I simply take care of the branches and keep it in bloom."

**What is a total look to you?**

"Exactly what we present on the catwalk, from head to toe, from hat to heels. Off the runway, it's for a woman to put her own stamp on it, turn the muse into a reality, not a role."

**Name something that is forbidden in fashion.**

"To think there is, that's forbidden."

There are no rules in fashion, or if there are, they should be forgotten immediately."

**It must be a dream to be the artistic director for Dior.**

"What do you think?"

**Well, of course.**

"It's a dream come true! Dior is the magical house that inspired me when I was a student, and now it has given me the honour of conserving and continuing its legacy. It's an honour."

**What's your concept of elegance?**

"Luxury, glamour and very high standards! Elegance is recognising quality, demanding luxury ▶"

This season's haute couture collection, with its spectacular origami-style bridal gown (left and right), was based on his travels to Japan, but Galliano says he can find inspiration anywhere from Botticelli to Kylie Minogue. "You have to be open to every idea," he says, explaining that, for him: "Fashion is curiosity and the endless quest for perfection; constructing, as much as dressing, the perfect woman"



Princess of Wales, wore to a New York gala celebrating Dior's 50th anniversary. The mythic label, the epitome of chic, wasn't wrong in its instincts. Once again, Galliano would triumph.

And now, after nearly 20 years in the City of Light, he's not only become synonymous with Paris Fashion Week, he's also become a style icon himself. His own wildly creative costumes as he takes his bow, from astronaut chic to pirate's gear, are among the most memorable of any catwalk show.

Here, the British couturier sits down with HELLO! for a rare interview to talk about his manifold muses and how he sees the unpredictable and ever-changing world of fashion.

**Are there limits to the imagination?** "Are there limits to passion? Sincerely, I trust that there are not. Imagination is the most important element of the air we breathe."

**You design, then, what you feel.**

"My creations reflect the cultures and the things that we've seen and the techniques we've developed and innovated. Fashion is curiosity and the endless quest for perfection; constructing, as much as dressing, the perfect woman."

**What is your focus when you sit down to design?**

"The essence and the attitude of the Dior woman: a free spirit who lives by her own rules and can dance, influence, inspire and lead the pack using her own compass."

**Name three qualities of the Dior woman.**

"Strength, self-confidence and sensuality."

**From whom have you learned the most?**

"The bias cuts from the couturier Madame Vionnet and the many inspirations and the vision from Christian Dior himself."

**And which period of history has most influenced you?**

"You have to live in each moment, and live each one to the fullest, and that is something which, in fashion, is absolutely true. I can't choose just one period... I adore everything, from the Napoleonic and Empire lines to the modern."

"You have to be open to every idea, and find inspiration everywhere from the Renaissance to what you see in the streets: Botticelli to Brassai; Marlene Dietrich to Mae West; and Kylie to Kate. You have to have all periods so you can experiment with all of them."

**With which colours and materials are you most comfortable?**

"I immerse myself in each and every one of the collections. I'm like a sponge soaking up whatever I'm creating. I love that; I lose myself in that world: the colour, the fabric, the cut. I only feel comfortable losing myself in the soul of the collection."

**What was the most precious legacy left by Monsieur Dior?**

"His 'New Look' - and by that I





Above: the designer in his early Dior days, on the Paris runway in 1997. Galliano's now known for wearing outfits as wildly creative as his amazing gowns. One never knows what to expect when he comes out to take his applause, whether he's evoking images of a modern day dandy (below) or of Charlie Chaplin (below left)

**Known for his theatrical final bows, the very unconventional Galliano has become a style icon in his own right**

and knowing where to find the best. Elegance in dressing is restrained, but confident. Very much the essence of Dior."

**There are some who say luxury must be ostentatious.**

"Luxury is conscious restraint and refinement, just as it is bold and brilliantly coloured and proud of its elaboration. It is as subtle and sophisticated or as loud and daring as you choose. Luxury is choice."

**The future of fashion?**

"The future is always on its way, and there are always innovations. Fashion and the future never should collide,

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INTERVIEW: TICO CHAO





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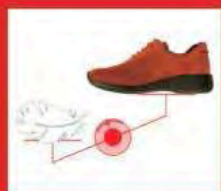
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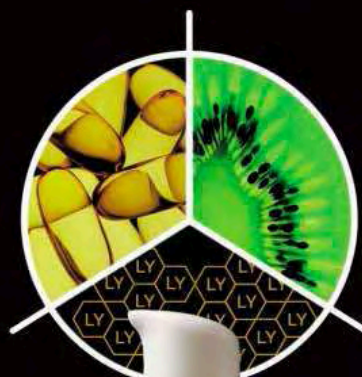
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Eva arrives at Felicity Huffman's house (right) for the wedding shower, showing off her engagement ring. Designed by French jeweller Jean Dousset, it has 248 diamonds and took 116 hours of work to make

# AT A 'HOUSEWIVES' GET-TOGETHER EVA LONGORIA IS SHOWERED WITH PRESENTS AHEAD OF HER JULY WEDDING

**'Everybody's so congratulatory. I wish I could stay engaged all the time'**

**T**he ladies of Wisteria Lane upped sticks to the Hollywood Hills home of actress Felicity Huffman for a bridal shower to celebrate the forthcoming wedding of Eva Longoria to San Antonio Spurs basketball player Tony Parker.

*Desperate Housewives'* Teri Hatcher (Susan Mayer), Nicollette Sheridan (Edie Britt), Marcia Cross (Bree Van De Kamp) and Brenda Strong (the voice of deceased narrator Mary Alice Young) showed that any animosity between them is pure fiction when they joined Felicity (Lynette Scavo) and the bride-to-be for the lively party.

Eva has been enjoying the run-up to her 7 July wedding, which will take place just outside Paris. "Everybody's so congratulatory. I wish I could stay engaged all the time," says the actress, who plays Gabrielle Solis in the multi-E Emmy winning show.

Wearing a Badgley Mischka dress and Giuseppe Zanotti shoes, she happily showed off her dazzling five-carat, emerald-cut diamond engagement ring. In keeping with the spirit of the day, she also judged a competition in which unmarried guests had to make wedding gowns out of toilet paper. She named Teri – whose dress was decorated with pink flowers – as the winner.

Guests sat at pink and brown decorated tables – which featured little

pink, Wisteria Lane-style houses as centrepieces – and dined on chicken, salmon, shrimp and gourmet cheeses. They drank white wine and speciality martinis, and indulged in brownies, chocolate chip cookies and white-chocolate pastries.

San Antonio-born Eva and her French fiancé, who were introduced after a Spurs game in November 2004, had asked for gifts for each room in the new house that they're having built in the Texas city.

"I got the living room," said Brenda Strong, "and got her this really beautiful imported mirror."

Eva's stylist Robert Verdi bought a set of Calphalon cookware and 30 cookbooks signed by top chefs including Nigella Lawson and Oscars chef Wolfgang Puck.

For their wedding venue, the couple have reportedly spent £250,000 to hire the fairytale 17th-century Chateau de Chantilly, a few miles north of Paris. Seven is a lucky number for superstitious Tony, so 7/7/07 was the perfect date.

"It's going to be sooooo romantic," Eva says. "I wanted Paris as a backdrop, it's the most romantic place in the world."

Tony, 24, proposed in Eva's LA home last October – a month after they were rumoured to have split. The actress, returned from the *Desperate Housewives* set one





Eva declares her co-star Teri Hatcher the winner of the "loo-roll trousseau" game. It might have been an outdoor party, but the table settings (below left) were worthy of Bree Van De Kamp. Guests Teri and new mum Marcia Cross tuck into the salad buffet (below right)





evening to find her house decorated with rose petals and candles.

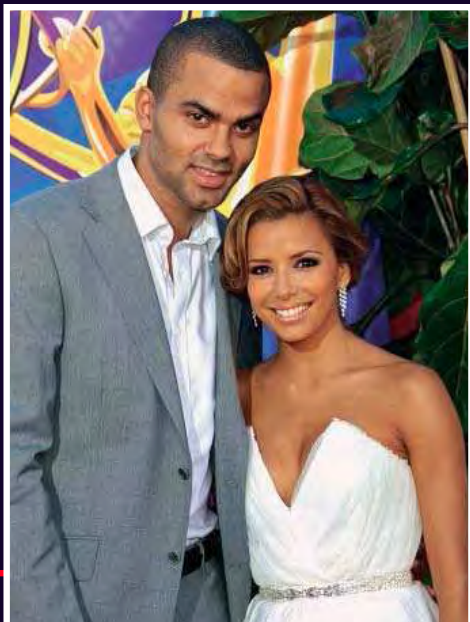
Tony says his fiancée has now taken control of the wedding preparations. "She does everything," he says. "I'm in charge of the food and the music, and that's it."

Most of her co-stars are likely to fly to Paris for the big day, although new mum Marcia Cross, who gave birth to twin daughters in February, recently told **HELLO!** that she was unsure whether she could attend. "It's a big family to move all of a sudden, so we're struggling with that right now," she says.

Eva, 32, has also said that she feels under pressure to "find the most gorgeous dress of the century". She reportedly favours French designer Monique Lhuillier, who has designed dresses for Pink, Britney Spears and *Lost* star Emilie de Ravin.

"I wish I could wear ten dresses to my wedding," says Eva, proving she's got something in common with Gabrielle. "It's so sad that you put it in storage and then never see it again. I'm going to sleep in mine after I wear it!" **H**

REPORT: DAWN EMERY



**Housewives** at home: Eva chats (top right) to Nicollette Sheridan and party hostess Felicity. When asked what present she'd get her friend, Felicity reportedly joked: "I'm giving her this shower. I don't have to get her a present as well, do I?" Eva met 6ft 2in Tony (left) after taking her father, a big San Antonio Spurs fan, to watch a game. The couple's elaborate wedding invitation (right) reminds US guests they will need their passports in order to enter France, where the celebrations will be held



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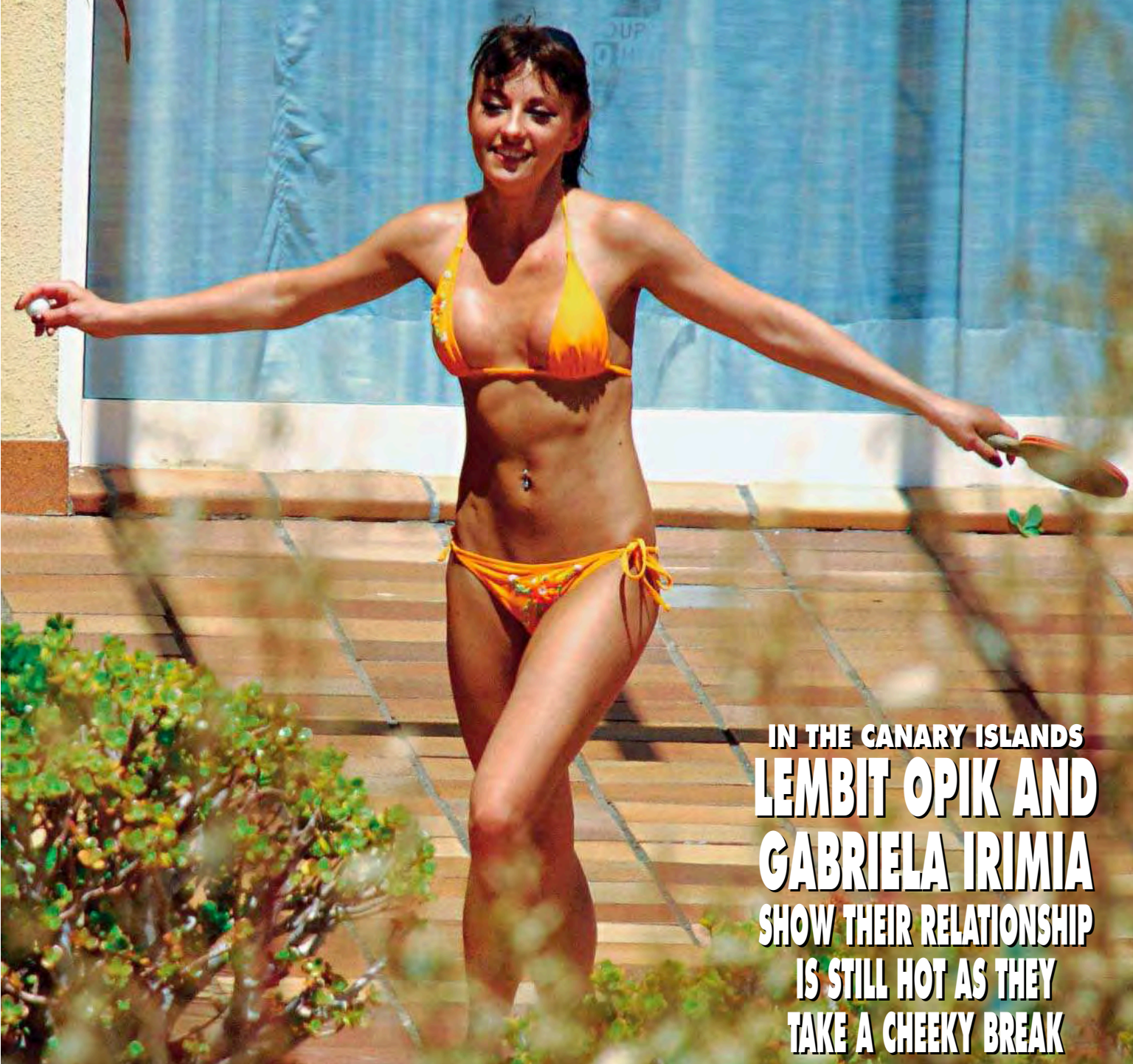
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GABRIELA IRIMIA  
SHOW THEIR RELATIONSHIP  
IS STILL HOT AS THEY  
TAKE A CHEEKY BREAK**



**A** teenie weenie orange bikini and four-inch heels might not be everyone's idea of sensible attire for a game of ping pong, but then Cheeky Girl Gabriela Irimia and her beau, Liberal Democrat MP Lembit Öpik, have never been a conventional couple.

Since meeting on a TV talent show last October, the unlikely lovers have certainly attracted their fair share of attention. And that was still the case as the couple enjoyed a holiday on La Palma in the Canary Islands, where they were seen kissing and cuddling beside their hotel pool.

An onlooker at the £60-a-night Hotel Taburienta Playa said: "They were like teenagers. They were in a world of their own."

To outsiders, they make an unusual pair. Cambridge-educated Lembit, 42, is leader of the Welsh Lib Dems and was previously in a six-year relationship with TV weathergirl Siân Lloyd, 48, while Romanian Gabriela, 24, is one half of sibling pop duo The Cheeky Girls, whose hits include *The Cheeky Song* (*Touch My Bum*).

But both insist their romance is the real thing and they've barely spent a night apart since getting together, although they admit that



reports they're marrying are wide of the mark. Gabriela has revealed that it was "love at first sight" for her when she met Lembit, while he says his connection with his pretty girlfriend runs much deeper than mere physical attraction.

Earlier this year he told **HELLO!**: "Gabi is insightful, bright, sharp, challenging, very funny and pretty strong minded. She challenges me intellectually and she demands respect just because of who she is. Our relationship is not based on lust; it's primarily a relationship of intellect, a meeting of minds, and that I find really interesting and attractive."

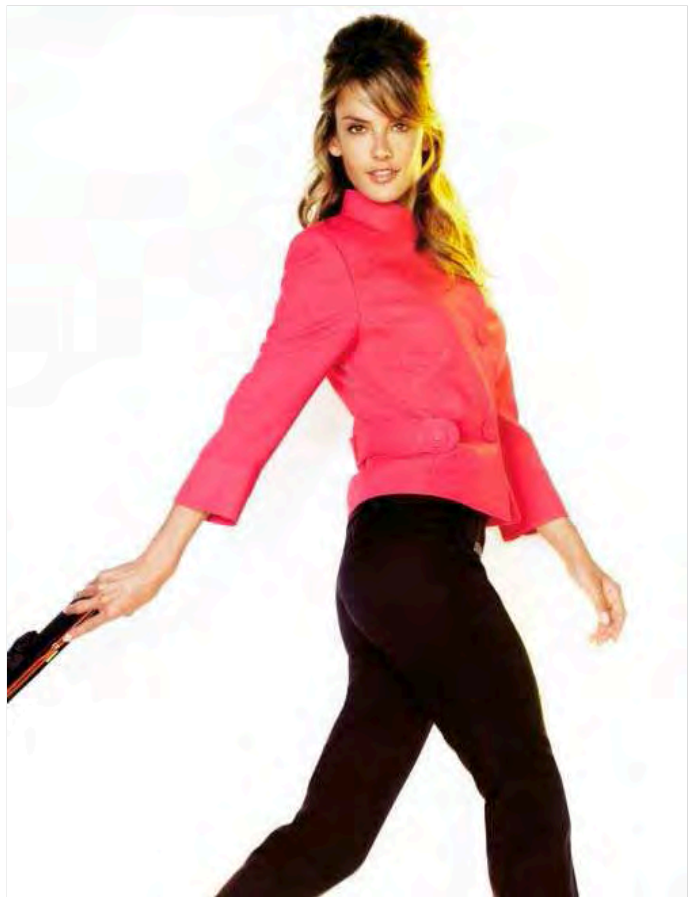
Gabriela added: "People don't know much about The Cheeky Girls apart from our novelty songs. It's not well known that we studied ballet and drama for 14 years. I'm half of a fun entertainment act but people don't see the real me – although Lembit does." She also dismissed their age gap: "Lembit obviously has had more experiences than me but we respect each other in the same way and are equal in everything."

Last week a friend of the couple told **HELLO!**: "They're still very happy together – and their relationship has clearly outlasted the cynics." **H**

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Snuggling up under a sunshade and frolicking in the pool, MP Lembit, 42, and singer Gabriela, 24, looked closer than ever during their sunshine holiday on La Palma. "They're very happy together," a source told **HELLO!**



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## AS IT WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS A WHO'S WHO OF EUROPE'S ROYAL KINDERGARTEN CLUB

Dutch Princess Catharina-Amalia (above) is adjusting to the role of eldest while Christian of Denmark (centre) and Leonor of Spain (far right) will soon be joining her. Right: Norwegian Princess Ingrid Alexandra plays with brother Sverre Magnus. Poised Elisabeth of Belgium (above right)



It's every little girl's dream to be a princess or, at the very least, get on hugging terms with one. This collection of royal toddlers are actually living the fairytale, and their numbers are swelling apace as their 30-something parents get down to the serious business of producing a new generation of blue-blooded kids.

Princess Catharina-Amalia of the Netherlands has just become eldest of three little girls after the arrival of Queen Beatrix's eighth grandchild,

while Princess Leonor of Spain is, at the tender age of 18 months, preparing to make room for a little sister, who will be joining her just as soon as Princess Letizia emerges from hospital. The other toddler in for a royal shock is Prince Christian of Denmark, whose mother Mary is due to give birth this month.

With their ages ranging from two to five, this batch of genteel minors may not see much of one another at the moment, with local playgroups and playmates dominating their



lives, but it won't be long before their horizons and social lives expand to include one another.

Princess Elisabeth of Belgium, now a stately five years old, already looks as though she could hold her own on the international stage, while little Margarita Armstrong-Jones, daughter of Viscount Linley and his wife Serena, was the veritable star of the Windsors' last Christmas Day at Sandringham, swinging between her second cousins Prince William and Peter Phillips and acting as a special helper to the Queen.

One thing many of today's dynastic offspring have in common is the fact that their mothers are commoners. From Norway's beguiling Mette-Marit to Denmark's adored Mary, not to mention former journalist and divorcee Letizia Ortiz, there is a definite trend among Europe's royal gentlemen to marry for love not blue blood – a tendency which will surely give their little ones a more down-to-earth upbringing, perhaps somewhat at odds with the traditional fairytale fantasies of our own children. **H**



Crown Princesses Letizia of Spain (above) and Mary of Denmark (below) are both giving birth to their second child, which will revolutionise the lives of their firstborns, who until now have ruled the roost. Letizia's pregnancy has not been all plain sailing, with the former TV anchor woman suffering the tragic death of her sister Erika in February. Britain's royal tots include the Earl and Countess of Wessex's daughter Lady Louise (left), who looks very like her grandmother the Queen at the same age, and Viscount Linley's daughter the Hon Margarita Armstrong-Jones (below left)



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## GET THE PARTY STARTED

It was party time for London's bright young things as the capital's gilded youth gathered in the ballroom of the Mandarin Oriental in Knightsbridge for the launch of event planning handbook *The Essential Party Guide for London*. Golden Glamour was a fitting theme for the bash, which drew a 24-carat crowd including Matthew Mellon and Sharleen Spiteri. Revellers enjoyed cocktails and canapés to music from electro-classical quartet Stringfever before the party continued at club of the moment Mahiki.



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**S**ociety fashionistas turned out in style as they joined *Vogue* editor Alexandra Shulman at Harvey Nichols for an exclusive dinner in honour of Calvin Klein Collection creative director Francisco Costa. Models Natalia Vodianova, in a midnight blue gown, and Erin O'Connor, in a black

cava cotton and silk mesh dress, were among the VIP guests wearing designs from the womenswear label, which has just opened a boutique in the famous London store. After cocktails, guests tucked into a chic dinner of pan-fried organic cod while watching a film of the collection's spring 2007 catwalk show.



Bianca Jagger is all white on the night



The Hon Justin Portman with his wife, pregnant model Natalia Vodianova



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# BRAD AND ANGELINA

## MAKING TIME FOR ROMANCE AS THEY BRING UP THEIR RAINBOW FAMILY

Devoted mum and dad that they are, the pair do manage to squeeze in a little time for each other. After dropping off two of their four children, Zahara, two, and newly adopted Pax, three, at nursery in LA, they looked like any other couple in love as they strolled in the sunshine (below)



**W**orking mums and dads everywhere know the problem of making time for each other as well as for the kids.

It's certainly no different for Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, with big-budget movie schedules to attend to as well as four children under the age of six.

But it seems, despite reports that their romance is cooling, that they are managing to keep the flame alive. And they make no secret of the fact that they are still each other's biggest fans. Last

week Brad told top celebrity journalist Randy Taraborrelli, "Angelina's an amazing woman – like Supergirl in every way."

Pictured here dropping off Zahara, two, and newly adopted Pax, three, at the Bright Horizons nursery in Burbank, which they are using while working in Los Angeles, the film star couple looked as unified as ever. As they left the centre, they snuggled close as they strolled off together in the sunshine. **H**

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## **MADONNA RETURNS TO MALAWI**

**DAUGHTER LOURDES  
IS AT HER SIDE  
AS SHE TAKES  
ADOPTED SON  
DAVID TO VISIT  
HIS BIRTH LAND**



**Above and right:** Madonna, accompanied by her eldest child Lourdes, revisits the country where she found her 18-month-old son David, to take a first-hand look at projects supported by her charity, Raising Malawi. The trip saw little David return for the first time since settling in with mum and dad Guy Ritchie in the UK last autumn – and fuelled rumours that the big-hearted pop star aimed to extend the family even further by adopting a little Malawian girl called Grace.

**Left:** visiting a farming project

**N**estling comfortably in the arms of his adoptive mother Madonna, 18-month-old David Banda got the warmest of home-comings as he returned to his birth country of Malawi for the first time since joining the pop star's family last year.

The little boy and his famous mum received a jubilant welcome as they visited the remote Home of Hope orphanage where David spent the first year of his life before coming to the UK with Madonna in October. ▶







A wide-eyed David seemed intrigued, waving and blowing kisses at the encouragement of his big sister (left) and clinging to his mum all the while (above). Absent was husband Guy, back in London with the couple's elder son, Rocco. The filmmaker was expected to arrive sometime later, however

Though throngs of screaming fans often greet David's pop star mum, admirers in Malawi were cheering for a different reason. Many of the hundreds of villagers who came out to greet her carried signs emblazoned with messages of support. "I wish she would come here every week. She must adopt more," said one onlooker who carried a sign reading: "Well done Madonna. We love you."

Both Madonna and her ten-year-old biological daughter Lourdes, who came along with her, reciprocated the warmth they received. Wearing an African-style shawl around her waist, Madonna told reporters, "It feels great to be here."

She pledged to continue her support to Home of Hope, saying her son would be its "ambassador to the world". "And I," she added, "will be mother of the orphanage."

Visiting on behalf of her orphan care initiative Raising Malawi, Madonna spent three days touring projects sponsored by the organisation, including the charity's new care centre.

During the trip little David, whose mother died shortly after his birth, reportedly got a chance to privately spend time with his natural father Yohane Banda. "David grabbed his father's hair and just laughed and laughed," an orphanage worker told *The Sun*. "Madonna told Yohane that she was proud to be a mother to his son... There were tears in both their eyes."

Conspicuous by his absence, however, was Madonna's husband Guy Ritchie – father to the couple's six-year-old son Rocco – who was said to

have prior work commitments. Some newspapers alleged the *Snatch* director was unhappy with his wife's decision to make the trip, although it was also said that he might be flying out to join her.

With David's adoption yet to be finalised, the two are by some accounts at odds over whether to adopt again. And although her spokesperson said she was "absolutely" not adopting while in Malawi, reports persisted that Madonna aims to take in another toddler – specifically, a three-year-old called Grace.

Madonna is said to have spent time with the little girl,

with one source telling a British newspaper: "Madonna was chatting and playing with her... and looked very happy." The *Hung Up* singer's agent, however, seems to have denied reports of a meeting.

Despite the controversy generated over her first adoption after a number of groups challenged its legitimacy, the feisty pop star has no regrets. "Now people know about Malawi," she has said. "Now people know about the orphans there. And now David's home."

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Though it has been denied, reports persist that Grace, three, (below) may soon join the family. Meanwhile, Madonna is taking all of Malawi's orphans under her wing with her charity projects like this day care centre (right)



## HEATHER MILLS

**SHE STUMBLES TO CONQUER IN THE U.S.**



**I**t seems Heather Mills can't put a foot wrong on US reality show *Dancing with the Stars* – apart from taking a tumble when her false leg gave way at the end of a samba. The former model still won only praise from the judges, who awarded her 21 out of 30 points.

"The fact you fell at the end reminds me of just how amazing it is that you're in this competition because you run that risk every time you get on the floor," judge Carrie Ann Inaba said.

Heather, 39, is hot favourite to win the competition, despite a reported

campaign by Beatles fans to use the phone vote to engineer her eviction.

She is now reportedly set to waltz her way on to the UK's *Strictly Come Dancing* after being backed by judge Bruno Tonioli, who presides over both shows. She is also being courted by TV bosses who want her side of her controversial life story.

No wonder Heather was beaming as she jetted in to the UK (left) with dance partner Jonathan Roberts to spend time with daughter Beatrice, three, by estranged husband Sir Paul McCartney.



## THE TARRANTS URGED TO KEEP IT A CLEAN FIGHT

**I**ngrid Tarrant looked stressed as she came face-to-face with ex-husband Chris at a hearing at London's High Court last week.

Ingrid, 51, and the *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* host, 60, had a quickie divorce in February but are still trying to reach a financial settlement. They didn't speak at the two-hour hearing, during which a judge reportedly urged them to avoid a public slanging match and to reach an agreement they were both happy with.

Ingrid later insisted their meeting in court wasn't the bitter showdown it appeared to be. "It wasn't a big deal," she said. She's currently appearing on ITV reality show *Deadline*, where she is working as a reporter and photographer as part of a team of celebrities producing a magazine. The show has given her a new lease of life. "What I was going through made me feel about 100. And doing this has made me feel 50 years younger!"





## COLEEN

### QUIDS IN AT THE RACES

Coleen McLoughlin looked every inch a footballer's wife-to-be at the Grand National, where she sported an impressive £260,000 worth of bling.

Wayne Rooney's 21-year-old fiancée, dressed in an Alexander McQueen waistcoat and wide-leg trousers, topped off with a Biba hat and Balenciaga shoes, made sure she sparked at Aintree. On her perfectly manicured fingers were her £200,000 ten-carat diamond ring – a 21st birthday gift from Wayne – and a £5,000 Tiffany ring. Her wrists were adorned with a £25,000 Audemars Piguet man's watch and a £30,000 diamond and platinum Jacob & Co bracelet.

Coleen missed Wayne's two goals in Manchester United's win over Watford in the FA Cup semi-final, saying: "I'd rather be here." She backed the winner, 33-1 outsider Silver Birch, with a £10 bet. Not surprisingly, a beaming Coleen said: 'I've had a brilliant day.'



## SIR MICK JAGGER JOINS HIS WOMEN TO REMEMBER MUSIC GIANT

When Sir Mick Jagger attended a memorial service in New York for a much-loved record boss last week, several of the glamorous women in his life came too. The Rolling Stone arrived for the star-packed tribute with girlfriend L'Wren Scott, while ex-wife Jerry Hall was flanked by daughters Lizzy, 23, and Georgia, 15.

Mick and Jerry's youngest daughter Georgia (above, left) is shaping up to be every bit as gorgeous as her model mother and big sister Lizzy, who has a contract with M&S. They arrived in the Big Apple on business-class airline Silverjet.

Stars paying tribute to the Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun at the Time Warner Building included Eric Clapton, Phil Collins, Bette Midler, Stevie Nicks and Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, who all took to the stage to perform.

Sir Mick delivered a funny, affectionate tribute to his former record boss, who died in December aged 83 following a fall during a Rolling Stones concert in Manhattan.

He described Ahmet, who launched the careers of Aretha Franklin, Sonny and Cher, Ray Charles, Led Zeppelin and The Drifters among others, as a "wicked uncle with a wicked chuckle". "He was a fantastically well rounded man who was able to talk about geopolitics, able to talk about medieval Islamic history – and able to pick the next Vanilla Fudge single."

Sir Mick, 63, is preparing to start a European tour with the Rolling Stones. Animal rights activists in Belgrade want the band to cancel a July gig in the city, which they fear will scare race horses stabled near the concert venue.



## ROD AND PENNY BUDGET WEDDING PLANS GO FOR A BURTON AS THEY PICK ITALIAN RIVIERA VENUE



Rod Stewart and Penny Lancaster are to tie the knot in June in pretty Portofino on the Italian Riviera. The actual location for the wedding is a closely guarded secret but it is thought it will be the exclusive Hotel Splendido, the hideaway in wooded hills above the town where Richard Burton proposed the first time he married Elizabeth Taylor in the 1960s. After the ceremony, guests will be sailing as they're whisked off to party on a luxury yacht.

A friend of the couple let slip the wedding details to *The Sun*: "It has all been planned for 16 June in Portofino. They have hired a venue in the town and he is going to charter two private jets to get his guests there. It's going to cost a small fortune but he wants it to be a memorable day."

Big names on the preliminary guest list are said to include Sir Elton John and his partner David Furnish, Sir Mick Jagger, Billy Connolly, Rod's football hero Kenny Dalglish and Paris Hilton, a close pal of Rod's daughter Kimberly.

The twice-married rocker, who has a son Alastair with his bride-to-be, said recently: "Today I'm absolutely content. I have seven wonderful kids who love me very much, a fantastic career, I'm getting married again and will probably earn more money in 2007 than ever before. That's got to be crazy at 62."

**Romantic Portofino on the Italian Riviera where Richard Burton proposed to Liz Taylor (below)**



## DENISE VAN OUTEN BACK WITH FIRST LOVE JAMES LANCE



Denise Van Outen has spent years looking for Mr Right – and now, it seems, he was under her nose all along. The stage and TV star has hinted she's back dating the first boy she ever kissed, actor James Lance (together, left, leaving her London home recently).

Denise and James, both 32, were students at the Sylvia Young Stage School in London as teenagers and recently met again in Los Angeles, where both have been building on their careers.

"It's really, really early early days," Denise told the *Sunday Mirror*. "James is one of my oldest friends. We were best friends at school and I totally respect him and like him as a person. He's someone living the same life as I am between LA and London. I've been out there for the last few months and we spent a lot of time there together."

Denise moved to LA in September and her TV career took off overnight. Within 24 hours she landed a role presenting the US version of *Grease*:

*You're the One That I Want*, which pulled in 20million viewers. She's currently back in the UK as a judge on reality TV show *Any Dream Will Do*.

Since she split from Jay Kay in 1998, Denise has dated nightclub owner Richard Triviss and record producer Ferdy Unger Hamilton. But she didn't find lasting love and instead has been leading a hectic life in LA as part of a tight-knit group with other ex-pats including Robbie Williams. Now she plans to make more time for James, who starred in cult Channel 4 dramas *Teachers* and *The Book Group*.

"It's a cliché but I really have been too busy for love," Denise said. "So I'm really excited about this year. This summer is a nice time for me to have a relationship. I'll be based here and it won't be as manic as last year. When you're dating you always have to put so much effort into looking nice. It's hard work. So I love it when you're so comfortable with someone you can slob around in a tracksuit and not worry."



## NADINE COYLE ONLY ONE GIRL ALOUD SO JESSE GOES

Nadine Coyle has split with her boyfriend of 15 months, *Desperate Housewives* hunk Jesse Metcalfe.

The Girls Aloud beauty had stood by the actor, 28, during his time in rehab in California to conquer his drink demons, and took time out of her hectic schedule to visit him. But now he has been spotted strolling hand in hand with a mystery brunette and sharing an embrace – and Nadine, 21, has called time. “It’s over between Jesse and me,” she declared. “I’m not the kind of girl to put up with non-

sense like that. I’ll meet the right person when the time’s right. I’m disappointed but what can I do? There’s no point hanging on when it gets to this stage.”

The singer, who was set to move to America to be with Jesse, is channeling her energies instead into work. “I’m busy doing work with Girls Aloud, so I have plenty going on,” she said, as she and her bandmates had fun dressing up in sexy school uniform to film the new St Trinian’s movie with Colin Firth. The girls are also due to tour this summer.



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### **JEMIMA KHAN** **LORDS IT UP IN TOWN**

**I**t looked like a case of "who's Hugh?" as Jemima Khan enjoyed a night out on the arm of a rich, handsome man. Fortunately for her ex, Hugh Grant, Jemima's companion was one of her oldest friends, Lord John Somerset.

They were spotted outside London's Boujis last week where Jemima, wearing a chic mini dress, planted an affectionate kiss on his cheek. The dashing 42-year-old peer, who has strong links with Jemima's family, once dated Hugh's ex-girlfriend Elizabeth Hurley.

Hugh is reportedly trying to woo back Jemima, after telling her in February their three-year relationship was over. The pair have been seen on several dates recently, including lunch at a Notting Hill restaurant.

A source told HELLO!: "Hugh's eager to reconcile with Jemima and they are nearly back together."

"But Jemima is making him wait."

Enjoying a night out with Lord John seems as good a way as any to make a point.





## RUSSELL BRAND BRANDED A 'HOME WRECKER'

**B**ed-hopping comic Russell Brand has been labelled a home wrecker – for stealing his new girlfriend from her heart-broken husband.

The model and ex-TV host Jordan Paris Daniels, 26, is said to have left her husband of two years, marketing manager Faron McKenzie, 29 (below, at home last year), only weeks after being wooed by lothario Russell, 31.

The couple met in February at satellite channel Quiz TV, and the *Big Brother's Big Mouth* presenter is reportedly so smitten he aims to stay faithful to her.

Faron still lives at the marital home in Willesden, north-west London. A friend said: "For Faron it's still very raw. He's a really sweet, decent guy and it has been very traumatic. Now he's trying to put this all behind him."



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## PARIS HILTON AND THE BANNED PLAYS ON...

Paris Hilton looked every inch the heiress as, dressed from head to toe in classy cream, she stepped out of her £95,000 Bentley in Santa Monica, California last week.

Except... hadn't the 26-year-old been banned from driving?

Seemingly, she wasn't breaking the law because her restriction had been lifted. However, she still could face jail. In January she lost her licence and was put on probation for three years after admitting alcohol-related reckless driving. Weeks later, LA police pulled her over for speeding and driving without headlights and discovered she

was banned. Last week Paris was ordered to appear in court on 4 May to defend herself against the charge of driving while banned, which carries a 90-day prison sentence. Paris's spokesman has said that she wasn't aware at the time that her licence had been suspended.

Back on safer ground, Paris has just returned from a trip to Switzerland to unveil her new line of watches and is due back on US TV screens with friend Nicole Ritchie in the fifth series of *The Simple Life*. The pair will be seen working as counsellors at a Malibu youth camp – not a place Paris would choose for her own holidays: "I'd rather go to Europe."



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## BRITNEY SPEARS FIT ME BABY ONE MORE TIME

Turning heads as she sashays down the street in a black mini and stylish titfer, this toned, confident blonde with a spring in her step and a beaming smile is barely recognisable from the Britney Spears of just two or three weeks ago.

Then Britney was in meltdown, her increasingly bizarre behaviour triggering shock among her family and trusted aides, as she shaved her head, attacked photographer's cars and eventually booked into rehab.

"I had to reach rock-bottom before I can get better," she revealed last week.

Now, with rehab behind her, her messy divorce from Kevin Federline, 29, sorted – they share joint custody of sons Sean Preston, 18 months, and six-month-old Jayden James, while Kevin is reported to have been given a \$1million pay-off – Britney is poised to relaunch her pop career.

Next month the 25-year-old singer **58** returns to the studio to begin recording a new album. She wants to look the part, which is why she has thrown herself into a healthy eating

and exercise routine. A friend reportedly said: "Britney wants to look better than she ever has in her life. She has a plan and has already started working on it. She is a size 6 (UK size 10) and wants to be a size 2 (UK size 6) when she's done in three months."

Britney is even said to have paid an hour-long visit to the Lipo Dissolve Center in Las Vegas but she denies having liposuction.

Her spokesperson says: "Britney has been putting in the hours at the gym and she's nearly back to her fighting weight. She's working out, eating right and enjoying life."

"She wanted to do this her way – for her boys as well as herself. And that means healthy. She has had her fill of the wild times and booze. They didn't work for her, so now she has found something that does. It's self-esteem."

"Make no mistake, Britney is back to her sizzling best. You can see it in her new, toned shape, clear skin and in her smile. She's clean, she's happy and she's back on top form."

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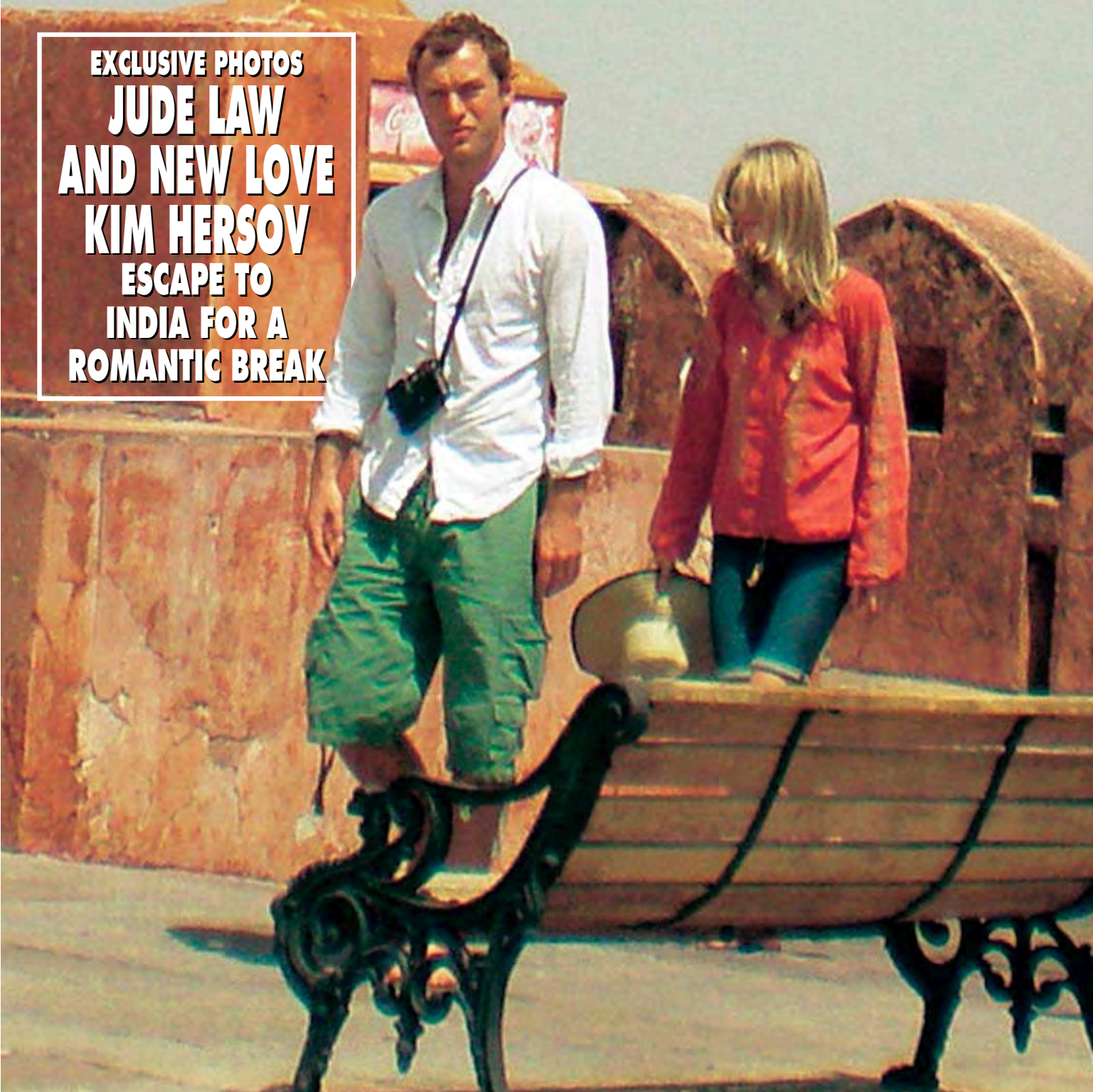
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**ROMANTIC BREAK**



**T**he secret's out. Jude Law and American socialite Kim Hershov were last week pictured enjoying a romantic break in India. Our exclusive photos show the couple looking relaxed together as they tour a historic fort in Rajasthan.

At 38, Kim is 13 years older than Jude's former fiancée Sienna Miller, but could easily pass for someone in their twenties. Blonde and slim, she bears more than a passing resemblance to the *Factory Girl* star – though Kim's usual well-groomed looks are the antithesis of Sienna's trademark boho style.

After his headline-grabbing courtship with Sienna, Jude, 34, is trying hard to keep his romances low key, but friends say he's getting more relaxed after dashing off for a getaway with his latest love.

Well known on the international celebrity scene, Kim is considered one of the original Park Avenue princesses. Before she moved to London she worked for *Vogue* magazine in New York and counts Alexandra von Furstenberg, Bliss Spa founder Marcia Kilgore, Elle Macpherson and Kate Moss among her circle of friends. She is also cited as a muse to American designer Michael Kors.

As editor-at-large for British *Harper's Bazaar*, Kim, a divorced mum of two, juggles a busy work schedule with family life. A lot posher than Jude's previous girlfriends, she is a regular on the social scene, mixing with top models, fashion designers and the art crowd at black tie events.

Friends say it's early days for their relationship – they've been seeing each

other since February – but one revealed: "Kim is a very intelligent, attractive woman and a great mum – and that's very appealing to Jude. They are great friends and have a lot in common and we hope the relationship will develop. But they are taking things slowly and enjoying each other's company."

The daughter of a businessman and a psychologist, Kim grew up in San Francisco. After university, she moved to New York where she met her husband of 14 years Robert Hershov, a private jet tycoon. The couple split two years ago and Kim now lives in South Kensington with her sons Alexander, ten, and Luke, seven.

Since splitting with Sienna last year, Jude has been linked with a string of beautiful women including Icelandic

TV presenter Halla Vihjálmsdóttir, American starlet Lindsay Lohan and most recently his *Closer* co-star Natalie Portman.

Friends cite Sienna's party-girl attitude as a reason for their eventual split. One said: "He is a devoted father of four children and she wanted to go out constantly. He was just done with her."

While promoting his recent film *The Holiday*, Jude revealed that he'd like to find a partner "who recognises me as a father, who likes to laugh and who understands the strain that acting can put on a relationship".

In the past, he has confessed his biggest turn-off is a woman who spends too long on their looks. But it seems that Kim's upmarket style may have changed his mind. **H**

**'Kim is an intelligent, attractive woman and a great mum – and that's very appealing to Jude. They have a lot in common but they are taking things slowly and enjoying each other's company'**



Jude, 34, and Kim, 38, stroll around Jaigarh Fort, near Jaipur, on holiday. Rumours of their romance surfaced in February when the actor was spotted wining and dining the American socialite





## GLITZY BABY SHOWER TRUMPETS ARRIVAL OF NEXT GENERATION

### GLAMOROUS GRANDMOTHER IVANA LEADS THE TRUMP DYNASTY IN CELEBRATION AS THE BIRTH OF DONALD JR'S FIRSTBORN DRAWS NEAR



**E**xcitement is building in the Trump fold as the family look forward to the impending birth of the next generation – the arrival of Donald Trump Jr and his wife Vanessa's firstborn.

The extended family is quite a complex affair, with its patriarch, Donald Sr, now on his third marriage and fifth child. So an excuse for a get-together is always welcome, and what better one could there be than a glitzy baby shower?

Naturally, right at the centre of proceedings was the inimitable Ivana Trump, Donald Jr's mother and Donald Sr's first wife. She had brought along her own mother, Maria Zelnicek, whom Donald Jr affectionately calls *Babi*, the word for

grandmother in her native Czech Republic.

However, while Maria is happy to be known in traditional terms, her daughter is not. Instead, Ivana is putting her own unique stamp on her forthcoming role, declaring she will be known as a "glam-mother" and be a truly glamorous granny.

There too, of course, was Donald Jr's statuesque sister Ivanka, a former model who now not only works alongside her brother in the family real-estate firm, but also shares the spotlight with him on their father's gruelling TV reality show, *The Apprentice*.

It is less than a year since the family welcomed Barron, Donald Sr's baby son with his third wife,



Above left: it's a family affair as grandmother-to-be Ivana parties with daughter-in-law Vanessa and Vanessa's niece Natalie and mother Bonnie, Ivana's own mother Maria and her daughter, Ivanka. Above: also there was Donald Sr's third wife Melania, who's back to her sleek model best less than a year after giving birth to son Barron

Melania. Once Barron's little nephew arrives in June, the two baby Trumpettes will occupy the same famous Manhattan tower and form part of the Trump real-estate empire, where their competitive streaks will be duly nurtured.

Although his role on *The Apprentice* means he is now assuming more of a public face, Donald Jr is not as intense as his father, who, he has told HELLO!, "doesn't turn the work button off - ever". He also admits to being less flamboyant than his father, and one friend claims he is just a down-to-earth guy.

Chances are he will prove to be an altogether different kind of parent than Donald Sr. When asked if he ever changed Barron's nappies, the businessman declared that his beautiful model wife "probably wouldn't let me". Jokingly, he has since remarked that he will take over Barron's upbringing when he is 21 and ready for the world of work.

In contrast, Donald Jr has already shown a paternal side to his nature. As Donald Sr built his empire, his son acted as a surrogate father to his younger siblings. "Donnie's always been my best friend, a mentor," says Eric, the youngest of Donald Sr's three children with Ivana. "In a way he raised me. My father, I love and appreciate, but he always worked 24 hours a day."

With such ringing endorsements and a fabulous pre-welcome party, it seems the newest Trump will be guaranteed a loving apprenticeship into the family. **H**

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# WITH VICTORIA BECKHAM AND KENNY GOSS AS GODPARENTS GERI HALLIWELL CHRISTENS BABY BLUEBELL

**A**s the daughter of a former Spice Girl, 11-month-old Bluebell Madonna was bound to have a christening with a difference. And this weekend's ceremony in London was guaranteed to be a star-studded affair after Geri Halliwell asked old pals Victoria Beckham and George Michael's partner Kenny Goss to be godparents.

A devoted mum to three young sons, Victoria absolutely dotes on Bluebell. And while Geri and Posh have famously had their ups and downs, Mrs Beckham came through for her ex-bandmate when the single mum-to-be was pregnant, giving her advice on motherhood and maternity fashion. More recently, Geri revealed that she'd based one of the heroines in her children's book series – a princess – on her close friend Posh.

The list of last weekend's invitees read much like that hoped-for Spice Girl reunion, with Victoria, Melanie Chisholm and a pregnant Emma Bunton on the list. But it's not just her Girl Power pals Geri wanted to share this momentous event. Godfather Kenny and his famous partner George have long been part of her innermost circle, standing by her throughout her pregnancy as well as her first year as a novice mum.

In the run-up to Bluebell's arrival, they threw a fabulous party for their friend at their north London home. As Geri later told **HELLO!**: "The baby shower really showed how supported I am... I felt so loved."

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**Like a Spice Girl reunion, Posh, Emma and Mel C were all on the list of invitees for the special day**

"All the Spice Girls have been really lovely and supportive," Geri told us during her pregnancy. Left: a recent reunion with Emma and Posh. Right: **HELLO!** cover girls Geri and Bluebell as the gorgeous newborn made her public debut. In the exclusive interview, single mum Geri told how Kenny and his partner George Michael had rallied round, throwing a baby shower for her at their home. She told us: "I felt so loved"



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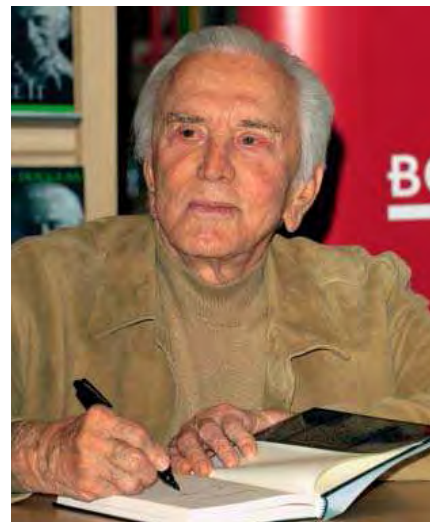
Looking effortlessly stylish in their matching black outfits, Demi Moore and husband Ashton Kutcher add some prime Hollywood stardust to the dinner thrown by Prada to celebrate the beginning of the 32nd America's Cup in Valencia, Spain. They joined some 1,500 other revellers, including actress Chloe Sevigny and Spanish model Ines Sastre, at the party, which was held in an old market building.



## SUNGLASSES AND ATTITUDE ARE ALOUD FOR THE GIRLS IN ST TRINIAN'S

Girls Aloud stars Nicola Roberts, Kimberley Walsh and Cheryl Tweedy make for glamorous schoolgirls as they don pinafores, pleated skirts and pigtails to film the new naughty schoolgirls flick, *St Trinian's*. A host of British talent will appear in the film, which has just started shooting at the famous Ealing Studios in West London. Among those featured are Stephen Fry, Colin Firth, Russell Brand, Richard E. Grant, Emily Watson and Amy Winehouse, all of whom were just twinkles in their parents' eyes when the first in the celebrated series, *The Belles of St Trinian's*, came out in 1954. The plot centres around the schoolgirls' madcap scheme to save their beloved school from bankruptcy, which naturally enough involves a fair amount of mischief. The Girls Aloud crew play the school band.

## KIRK DOUGLAS PROVES ONCE AGAIN HE HAS THE WRITE STUFF



Veteran actor Kirk Douglas signs a copy of his latest book, *Let's Face It: 90 Years of Living, Loving, and Learning*, at a shop in California. Billed by the publishers as his most personal and revealing memoir to date, the book is actually the 90-year-old actor's ninth tome, with three memoirs, three novels and two children's titles already under his belt.

"I think the biggest adventure is

reaching inwards," he said in a recent interview. "And I think that's why I started writing, some time ago, and every time I kept thinking that I still had something more to say, to myself or to others."

The *Spartacus* actor told *Publishing Weekly* magazine he was dedicating the book to his grandchildren, who include Dylan and Carys, his son Michael's children with Catherine Zeta Jones.



## KNICKS FANS BEYONCE AND TYRA BANKS HAVE A BALL IN NEW YORK

TV presenter Tyra Banks and singer Beyoncé took front-row seats at Madison Square Gardens last week to check out the action between Woody Allen's favourite basketball team the New York Knicks and the New Jersey Nets. Before the game there was a moment of silence for the victims of the Virginia Tech massacre.

Beyoncé, who kicks off the British leg of her world tour next month, was sitting next to her

fiancé Jay-Z and seemed upbeat despite having been served a writ by British soul singer Des'ree, who claims that the *Dreamgirls* actress has covered her song *I'm Kissing You* without their having agreed terms.

Des'ree is demanding an immediate end to the distribution of *Still in Love (I'm Kissing You)*, Beyoncé's version of what she says is her song, and is seeking damages of at least £75,000.



## MATTHEW McCONAUGHEY STEPS OUT WITH HIS LATEST LOVE BRAZILIAN MODEL CAMILLA ALVES

It has been a while now since he and Penelope Cruz called time on their relationship, and it looks like Matthew McConaughey might have finally moved on, with a little help from Brazilian model Camilla Alves, the beautiful 22-year-old seen here accompanying him on a walkabout in Los Angeles. Later, the two popped back to Matt's trailer home, which is parked oceanside at Malibu. The *Failure to Launch* actor, who has just returned from filming *Fool's Gold* in Australia, recently told *Star* magazine that he likes a woman who is athletic and who likes to work up a sweat. It remains to be seen, then, whether the shapely Camilla will be joining him on the beach for his famous daily workouts.

## OSCAR-WINNER FOREST WHITAKER CLAIMS HIS STAR ON THE WALK OF FAME

Having picked up not only the best actor Oscar but also the Golden Globe and BAFTA awards for his sterling work in *The Last King of Scotland*, Forest Whitaker was honoured yet again last week, this time with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

The actor, who portrayed the Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in the film, could barely contain his excitement at becoming the famous walkway's 2,335th star.

"I remember as a kid coming to the Walk of Fame. It was like a field trip and very exciting to us," he said. The honour, he added, represented "where I come from and where I am going and hopefully where I am at right now".

He was accompanied to the presentation by his actress wife

Keisha and his three daughters, Autumn, Sonnet and True, as well as Kiefer Sutherland and actress Angela Bassett.

The versatile actor first made his name in the 1988 Clint Eastwood biopic *Bird*, which traced the life of saxophonist Charlie Parker, following that up with a memorable role as a naive British soldier captured by the IRA in 1992's *The Crying Game*.

In spite of his gentle-giant appearance, the actor, who has been involved in more than 50 films over his 25-year career, proved in *The Last King of Scotland* that he has what it takes to play a menacing baddie convincingly. Now the 45-year-old is busy filming *Winged Creatures* alongside Kate Beckinsale.



## BROOKE SHIELDS AND CHRIS HENCHY ATTEND AN OSCAR PARTY WITH A DIFFERENCE

Hollywood lit up with another kind of Oscar celebration last week, with Brooke Shields and husband Chris Henchy joining other stars at the opening of the new Oscar de la Renta boutique in Saks Fifth Avenue department store in Beverly Hills. Among those at the glitzy event were *Desperate Housewives*' Kristin Davis, *Friends*' Lisa Kudrow and former model Cindy Crawford. The evening, which was hosted by Jennifer Garner, benefited the EIF Women's Cancer Research Fund.

*Suddenly Susan* star Brooke had flown into LA from Manhattan, where she has been filming the

new TV series *Lipstick Jungle*. Penned by *Sex and the City*'s Candace Bushnell, the series is, according to Brooke, just like a reality show of her own life. "My character, Wendy Healy, is juggling a career and kids, just like me," she said.

Brooke, who has two young daughters, has revealed that her own mum, Teri, 73, is an alcoholic. Gradually, though, the 41-year-old actress believes she is coming to terms with her mother's struggle. "I have more empathy. I appreciate her a lot more because she did shelter me from a lot and took the rap for it," she said.

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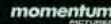


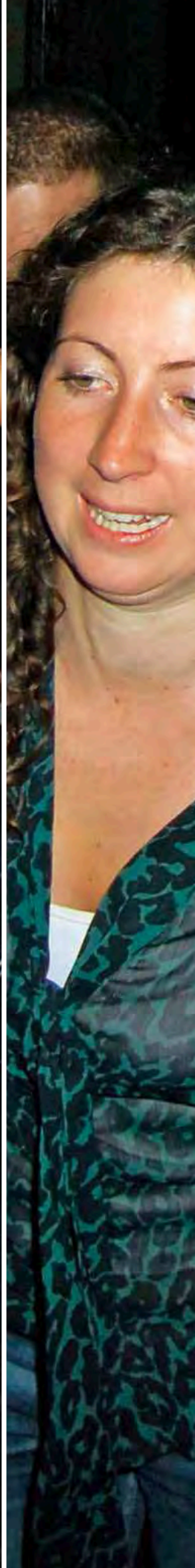
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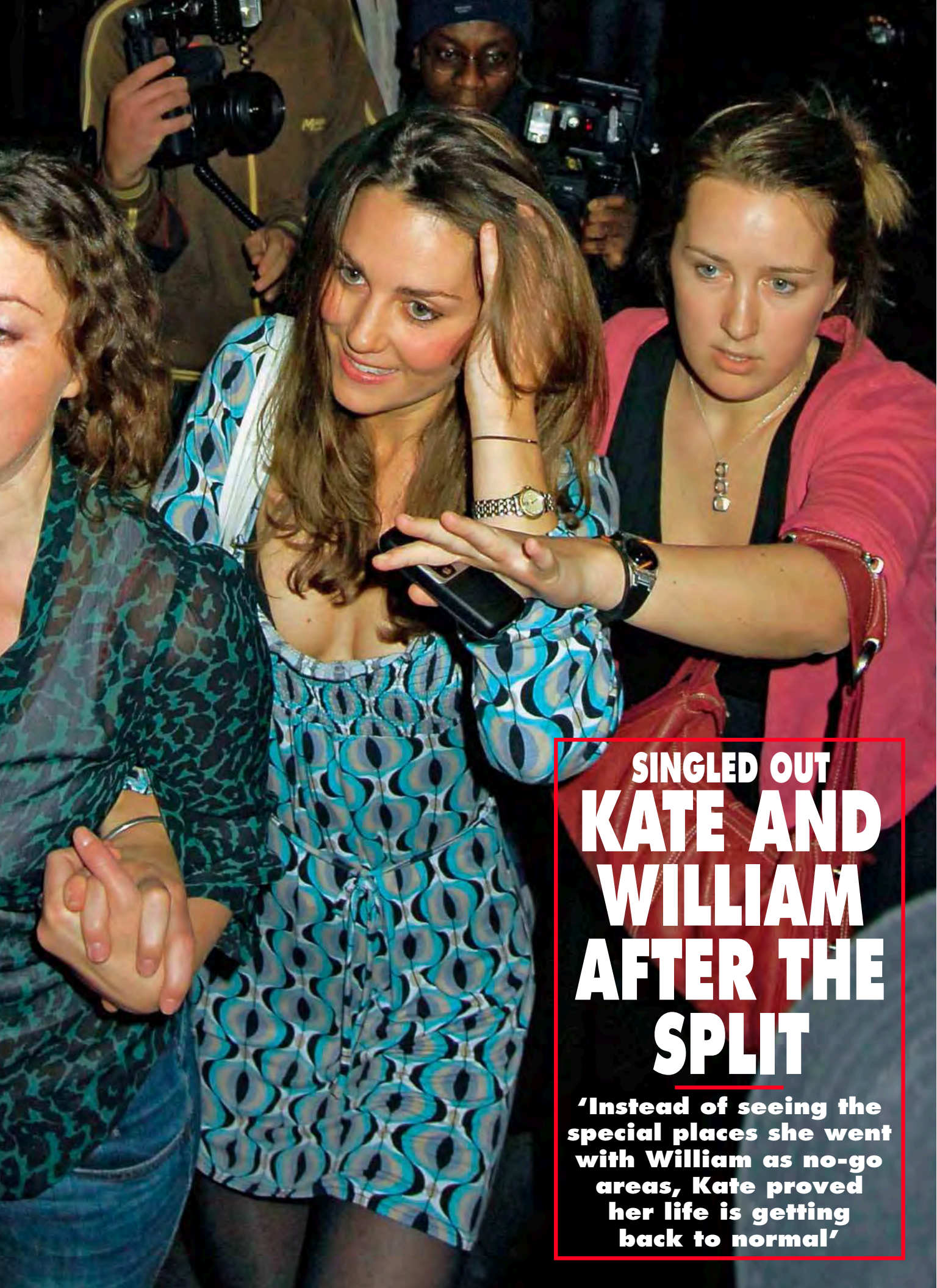
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Same club, but no longer together: Prince William and his ex-girlfriend Kate Middleton (right, with friends) leave the London club Mahiki a week - and now a life - apart



# **SINGLED OUT KATE AND WILLIAM AFTER THE SPLIT**

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Kate spent the weekend after the revelation that her relationship with the future King was at an end at her parents' home in rural Berkshire (above). Her younger brother James drove her into London in the family's Land Rover Freelander (below) to pick up some bits and pieces



**F**ew people will know what it cost Kate Middleton to return to London last week, braving packs of paparazzi and the sympathetic stares of strangers.

But there she was barely a week after her split from Prince William, looking as if she was having a fantastic time at the Mahiki Club in Mayfair, where she had shared many happy hours with him.

Looking relaxed and following her own fashion code again, Kate wore a trendy Sixties-style op-art patterned dress from Topshop's Lipsy label and was laughing and joking with two girlfriends as they arrived towards the end of Thursday evening. She and her two long-term chums, regularly seen with her among William's crowd, left in the early hours.

Her surprise appearance sent a clear message to her ex. Instead of regarding the special places she went with William as no-go areas, Kate, 25, proved that her life is fast getting back to normal. And what's good enough for him also suits her fine.

As a friend told the papers last week: "Kate is made of sterner stuff. She is gorgeous, great fun and a catch for anyone. It is his loss."

On Friday the 13th, the night before their breakup was made public, William was also at the Mahiki, which is run by his friend Guy Pelly. Unlike Kate, who appeared as bubbly and well groomed when she left as when she arrived, William, 24, emerged at 3.30am looking much the worse for wear.

The previous evening Kate had broken the sad news to her closest friends in a London restaurant, calmly explaining the couple had mutually and amicably agreed to part.

William's way of marking the split was reportedly less dignified. He and a group of ►



Kate and her brother join up in London for a bite to eat last week. James, like his big sisters Kate and Pippa, went to Marlborough College



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# JENNIE BOND NO RELEASE FROM SCRUTINY FOR KATE

**O**uch! The thud of Kate Middleton being dumped by long-term love Prince William reverberated around the world within minutes. I was on holiday in Barbados. The phone rang in the middle of my night; by breakfast, everyone was talking about it.

Poor Kate. She never quite made it into the royal family, but she's certainly found out what it's like to make royal headlines. And this time, the news was something no one – presumably not even Kate – had expected.

Put yourself in her shoes. In your first year at university you somehow manage to bag the guy everyone's after. Friendship turns to romance and, before long, you find yourself in a full-on love relationship with a future King. Then, four years later, just as the world is predicting wedding bells, he tells you that it's all over.

Friends say she is understandably devastated, though only Kate and her family know how she's really feeling. She's put on a commendably brave face and has resisted the temptation to hide away from the media. She has behaved – as she has throughout her royal romance – with decorum and dignity.

From the moment William made a play for Kate, her life changed. Suddenly she became public property. And so did her family, her friends and her lifestyle. To an extent, this is probably thrilling to a young girl. You become the centre of attention: you're special and the papers drool over your good looks and svelte figure. It must also be confusing: do people want to know you because of who you are – or whom you're going out with? And you become the target of a good deal of envy.

The ultimate accolade to the girl William seemed to regard as "the one" came last December when he invited Kate and her mother to his passing out parade at Sandhurst. He knew the media would be there in force. It seemed a clear signal that Kate was the woman he wanted at his side – now and presumably for life. Inevitably the pictures of a delighted Kate prompted an avalanche of engagement speculation.

She wouldn't be human if she hadn't let her imagination run a little wild. She must surely have allowed herself to muse over whether she should call herself Princess Kate or Princess Catherine. She might have thought about having people curtsy to her. And

what would life be like when she became Queen? She must have imagined living at Buckingham, Palace, travelling the world with her husband, and giving birth to a future monarch herself. She must, surely, have felt on the very brink of securing an important role in this country's history.

According to her friends, Kate was hoping for a proposal from William at Christmas. She was disappointed when it didn't come – indeed she didn't see him at all over the holiday period. She was prepared to wait – he had, after all, declared publicly that he didn't want to settle down until he was closer to 30. But she was not, perhaps, prepared for him to throw himself with such obvious relish into the bloke-ish army life he is now enjoying. Whether she would have gone on waiting for her Prince to make up his mind is now irrelevant. William chose to end relationship and speculation alike.

It may seem brutal, but there's

**'Before long you find yourself in a full-on love relationship with a future King. Then, four years later, just as the world is predicting wedding bells – he tells you it's all over'**

no easy way to tell someone you don't love them enough to marry. William isn't a heartless young man – though without his mother's influence, the gentler side that

once characterised him is less evident. He has lived his adolescence in a predominantly male society and is now trying hard to fit in as a soldier. And that may have galvanised him into setting himself free from the commitment of a long-term relationship.

He's now back at the top of the global rankings of eligible bachelors, and young women will be queuing up to catch his eye. If he thought the paparazzi were bad when he was with Kate – just wait to see how he'll be followed now. Any girl who so much as takes his arm will be sized up as possible Princess material. And any girl who gets to know him even a little – never mind go out with him – is a potential kiss and tell candidate.

The indications are that William agonised for weeks or months over his decision to part; they were together for the best part of five years. But he knows better than anyone that he has to make a marriage that will last: the Windsors can't afford another debacle like Charles and Diana. Far better that their relationship ran its natural course than that he should have been pushed into marrying her for all the wrong reasons.



**She didn't try to avoid the paparazzi but used them to pass on a glaring signal to William: just look what you're missing!**

seven pals allegedly downed £5,000 worth of drinks at Mahiki, toasting his single state. "I'm free!" William reportedly told them. "I'm really happy. Everything is fine. I am going to enjoy myself."

Whether this show of independence was staged to prove he was the dumper rather than the dumpee, no one was certain. But there was no doubt who looked more triumphant later in the week, and it wasn't the Prince, who spent a night at the movies last Wednesday with only his bodyguard for company.

William left his Dorset army base to see the comedy film *Blades of Glory*, starring Will Ferrell and Jon Heder. It was the first time he had been seen out in public since the world discovered he had split up with Kate, and by choosing his police protection officer for company he appeared rather vulnerable.

The end of the affair had astonished many and caught numerous commentators, who had been confidently predicting wedding bells, on the hop. Only a few weeks before, the couple were seen together at horseracing's Cheltenham Festival and seemed happy enough, while the kissing and cuddling that went on between them during a skiing holiday in March was positive encouragement to the engagement rumours. Even now there remains speculation about a possible reconciliation.

But although William might have expected that the end of his first serious romance would cause a considerable stir, he did not expect Kate's family to be damaged so much by the fallout. In particular, the Prince was said to be appalled by the snobbish slurs made against her mother Carole.

Known as Mrs Middleton by some low-level courtiers and members of the Prince's inner circle, she was accused among other *faux pas* of persuading her daughter to go to St Andrews University after it became known that William would be a student there. However, Carole enrolled her daughter at the Fife university long before William's arrival was announced.

Other unfounded claims that she had not known the correct etiquette when greeting the Queen were soon dismissed when the Palace declared the two women had never even met.

Although far apart all week – with William busy with his regiment the Blues and Royals in Dorset, while Kate stayed at the family home in the Berkshire village of Bucklebury – the couple did keep in touch. Kate promised William that despite offers pouring in from around the world for her kiss-and-tell story, she would never betray him.

Former *Sun* editor Kelvin Mackenzie estimated the Prince's ex could make upwards of £10million from selling her story and from magazine and TV deals, while PR guru Max Clifford said she could cash in even without saying a word. "If she got involved with a major fashion house, in PR terms she would be worth a fortune to them. She wouldn't have to say anything," he told the press.

If she was upset by the split and the malicious attacks on her mother, Kate refused to let the world see it. Less than 24 hours after the news broke, Kate went out for lunch with her family, smiling in the back of her father's Land Rover Freelander.

The same day Prime Minister Tony Blair called for the couple to be allowed to sort out their lives in peace. But it seemed Kate did not wish to hide away at home moping. Next day she turned up in London with her younger brother James to pick up papers from her job with high street fashion store Jigsaw.

At the end of the week she was back in London again, spending time at work before hitting the town, obviously determined to show a brave face to the world. This time she didn't try to avoid the paparazzi but used them to pass on a glaring signal to William: just look what you're missing!



REPORT: JUDY WADE

Just two days after the end of her relationship with the Prince was revealed, Kate braved the photographers, stopping off to collect a tennis racket from a Chelsea store before returning home to Berkshire



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# TELEVISION PSYCHOLOGIST DR LINDA PAPADOPOULOS TELLS HOW THE 'DRAMA OF SPECULATION' CAN RUIN A RELATIONSHIP BEFORE IT'S TRULY BEGUN

**'Perhaps it's time we acknowledge that it is unfair to try and impose fairytale ideas on real peoples' lives'**



**W**hen there is a relationship between two well-known, popular figures such as William and Kate, thousands of people project their hopes and aspirations onto the couple and, for our own reasons, we want the relationship to work out.

After the shock news of Will and Kate's split, people were left wondering how what seemed such a picture-perfect relationship could have ended.

But when you take a good look at the way things evolved, and their context, it's doubtful that the odds of a successful relationship were ever really in the young couple's favour.

## THE PRESSURE

William is very much the golden boy of the royal family – he has his mother's good looks, a strong sense of duty and commitment, and solid academic

achievements – so the expectations around him are enormous.

It is precisely these expectations that would have made a relationship difficult. All the more so because Kate seemed to be the ideal girl. Her elegant appearance, understated demeanour and the fascination the public had with her almost immediately meant that comparisons were made between her and Princess Diana from the outset.

It is likely that, subconsciously, many of us wanted to believe that we could fill the void left by Diana's untimely death through William and his choice of bride. And so, instead of being allowed to let their relationship grow and develop normally, these two young people were constantly reminded of what their union would mean to the rest of the country.

As soon as the relationship became public, there was so much speculation about where it might lead that it must have made it almost impossible for the two of them to enjoy and explore their relationship in the present tense.

The pressure to be the ideal couple prevented them from focusing on just being together.

## THE MEDIA

Most people who are on the receiving end of intense press attention have made a conscious decision to court this – they will have decided at some point that they wanted to be famous.

This, however, was not the case with either Kate or William. Granted, William was born with a public persona and a role to fulfil, and he has endured a certain level of media intrusion throughout his life. For Kate, however, the situation will have been completely

alien. When they first became a couple at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, Kate and the young Prince led a relatively normal life (the Palace negotiated an agreement with the media to leave William alone during his degree studies).

But the two of them may have underestimated the level of press attention they would receive when they graduated. From what they wore, to how they looked at each other, where they went together and to what royal events Kate was and was not invited, every minute detail of their relationship was scrutinised, commented upon and broadcast around the world.

Kate had so many paparazzi following her that she was assigned her own police protection – something unheard of for a non-royal.

All of this attention will no doubt have made the simplest of meetings, the smallest displays of affection and the most benign of disagreements almost impossible.

They must have felt that around every corner there was someone waiting to get the next big story or new angle on their romance, which is an unfair situation to be in when you are trying to figure out if the person you are dating really is The One.

## THE PROTOCOL

Like the media attention, the protocol that the two had to adhere to will have placed pressure on the relationship.

They went from being able to meet over text books and pizza whenever they felt like it at university, to having to meet around William's busy schedule and often, at public events, under the gaze of millions.

There was a significant change to

how and how often they interacted. For Kate, there was also speculation as to whether she would be accepted into the royal family. Many of us worry about whether our new boyfriend or girlfriend's family will like us, but Kate also had the world scrutinising her at public events and asking the same kind of questions.

She had to think about making the "right" impression and doing the "right" thing.

## MOVING ON - FOR THEM AND US

With such difficult romantic terrain to navigate, it is perhaps no wonder that Kate and William eventually went their separate ways.

The next few weeks won't be easy for the former couple – they will have to mourn the loss of the relationship and then try to re-construct their lives without the closeness that they shared for the last five years.

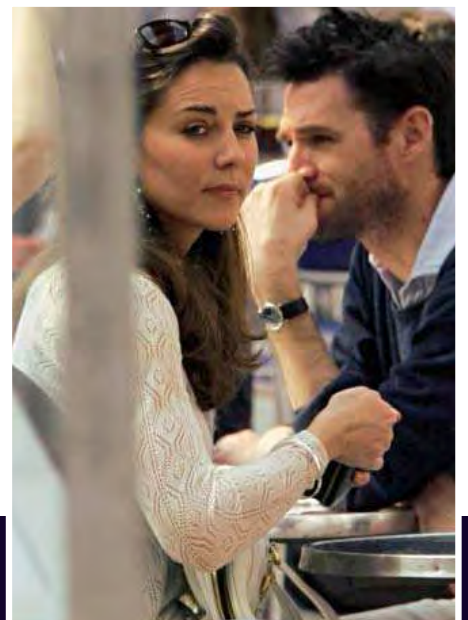
The break-up of any relationship is traumatic, and a big part of getting over it will be to try to make sense of how and why it happened.

Of course, they will have to deal with the added pressure of the world's media once again vying for pictures of either of them looking happy or sad – or, at some point, with a new love, when the whole drama of speculation will start over again.

For the rest of us, perhaps it's time that we acknowledged that it is unfair to impose fairytale ideals upon real people's lives, and that maybe the closest that any of us ever get to a happy ending in a relationship is when we are allowed to direct and live that relationship in peace and for ourselves.

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At university (below), Kate and William were left alone by the media. But protocol, his schedule and intense interest in their romance took their toll after they graduated. Comparisons with Diana also became inevitable for attractive Kate (left). As she contemplates the single life (right), she must be doing so with a new sense of freedom





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# TEAM MIDDLETON: WHY KATE AND HER MOTHER CAROLE WILL RISE ABOVE THE SNOBS' SNIPING



Critics of Kate's mother Carole have claimed she has an inadequate grasp of upper-class etiquette. She and her family have maintained a dignified silence in the face of jibes quoted by papers after Kate split up with Prince William, a sign that they are the ones with real class, says Christopher Wilson

**T**hroughout her daughter Kate's life, and particularly over the last four years, Carole Middleton has played a crucial role – as friend, confidante and advisor. As their lives rapidly changed, with Kate starting out as an ingénue and ending up as one of the most famous faces on the planet, she needed a rock. And in her mother, she found one.

Since Kate's separation from Prince William was made public, the spotlight has inexplicably shifted from daughter to mother and, in so doing, has exposed an appalling vein of snobbery that runs through some of those closest to the Prince.

The Hooray Henrys on the edge of the Prince's circle have branded Carole a social climber and made her a figure of fun by characterising her as someone with a lack of social graces. Newspapers reported "royal sources" claiming she once greeted the Queen with an informal "Pleased to meet you",

said "Pardon?" when another term was more appropriate, and used a word that should never be spoken in polite society – "toilet". The Hoorays couldn't wait to let the world know.

But so what? The Queen herself looks past the window-dressing when she meets people, to see the person within, and in Carole Middleton she will have been satisfied to see a mother who has protected her daughter during her much-publicised relationship with Britain's most eligible bachelor.

Whether Carole Middleton ever said the things she is alleged to have done is open to question, but her detractors no doubt enjoyed the resulting furore when their claims were picked up by the media. Every newspaper had a field day, conveniently choosing to ignore Mrs Middleton's freedom as an individual to act and speak as she chooses.

That Carole Middleton was not born with a silver

spoon in her mouth is well known – her father Ron was a jobbing builder, her mother Dorothy the daughter of a carpenter. Carole's first job after finishing school was as a flight attendant – or "air hostess" as her critics prefer to say (Prince William's snobbish pals would often snigger "doors to manual" whenever Kate entered the room). Around this time she met Michael Middleton who, like his father, was a pilot. They fell in love, married and started a family – first Kate, then Pippa, then James.

Together, Carole and Michael started a children's party supplies company called Party Pieces. It was such a success that the couple were able to send their children to Marlborough College, one of the country's leading public schools. Like all mothers, Carole wanted the best for her children.

To look at her now, a glamorous woman in her 50s with an enviable figure and an understated style, it is

**'What we see in Carole is a steely determination to survive, prosper and weather any storms that come her way - attributes she has clearly passed on to Kate'**



## PATRICK JEPHSON TALKS ABOUT THE POSSIBLE FALLOUT FOR THE PALACE AFTER WILLIAM AND KATE'S SPLIT

Patrick Jephson was equerry and private secretary to Diana, Princess of Wales, from 1988 to 1996, the year in which she and Prince Charles were finally divorced

hard to equate Carole with the absurd, clumsy character she has been made out to be. People point out that she chewed gum when she attended Prince William's passing out parade at Sandhurst last winter, yet half the soldiers on the parade ground were chewing gum themselves, and Carole was only doing it in a bid to give up smoking.

The fact that these personal attacks were made only after William and Kate's romance was over is a sure sign of cowardice on the part of those so-called well-bred young men who launched them. They may have thought that, in Carole Middleton, they had found an easy target, but they have yet to make their own way in the world, carve out a career, have a family or head a successful business. Carole Middleton has done all these things.

Neither do they have the strength of character and will of iron that she has inherited from her forebears. Carole can trace her lineage back to the late 1700s and knows that for nearly 150 years her mother's family put their lives on the line for the nation. As coal miners in the NorthEast, and for barely more than a living wage, they endured the prospect of death on a daily basis by drowning, exposure to gas, explosion and rock fall. The coal industry, fuelling the nation's industrial revolution, was in its infancy and safety was a low priority. Thousands died bringing energy to the country.

Today, what we see in Carole Middleton is a woman of style and self-assurance. What is not so apparent is her steely determination to survive, prosper and weather any storms that come her way - attributes she has clearly passed on to Kate. Some argue that it's a great loss to the country that these precious genes will not be passed on to future generations of the House of Windsor.

Prince William has been quick to leap to Carole's defence, and rightly so, saying he is "horrified" by the hurtful attacks on the woman he came to like and respect. After the split, he took the very proper step of ringing Kate to offer his support and to distance himself from her mother's detractors.

A friend said: "William does not believe that anyone genuinely - or even remotely - connected with him would say such things, and is horrified that these reports have emerged.

"He suspects there is a great deal of mischief-making going on - although who by, he has no idea - and thinks it is extremely unfair and totally unnecessary."

At the same time, Buckingham Palace sources denied that the Queen was in any way surprised or offended by Mrs Middleton. A senior aide is quoted as saying: "The reports simply aren't true, and are really quite offensive to all those concerned. To suggest that the Palace was snobbish in any way about Miss Middleton and her family could be very damaging. That's just not the way things work nowadays."

The snobs may have had their day, but they have not had the satisfaction of getting a rise out of the Middletons. Normally, in such circumstances, one might expect a friend to spring angrily to their defence, but for all the scorn heaped upon Mrs Middleton's head, there has not been a single rebuttal or denial.

For Carole Middleton is quite simply above it all. Her behaviour throughout her daughter's time with Prince William has been steadfast and loyal. She has made no personal capital out of her daughter's connection, nor has there ever been a shred of evidence that she schemed to engineer a romance between Kate and William, as her accusers suggest.

Carole Middleton may not have been born an aristocrat, but her decorum and restraint in recent days, together with her enduring loyalty and service to her daughter, place her among the first ladies of the land.

REPORT: CHRISTOPHER WILSON

**T**he church bells will not ring out for William and Kate. So let's get over it. As Clarence House points out, in an eloquently terse statement, it's a private matter. That, we can be sure, is Prince William's view.

Is it Kate Middleton's view? Probably. And her mother's? Probably again. But somewhere, somehow, a friend or relative will talk. The same friend or relative, perhaps, who has kept us informed about the rock-solid maturity of the relationship Kate has with William, the cosiness of Kate's chats with the Queen, and even her worldly acceptance that sometimes boys will be boys and that a pretty Brazilian student may be treated to a hands-on experience that Kate might have thought was reserved for her alone.

The same sources might fairly point out that Kate has kept her end of the bargain, looking demure in Boujis nightclub as much as at Sandhurst, stoically enduring paparazzi ambushes and only reluctantly - and successfully - complaining about media intrusion. In short, she has been a trouper.

And what is her reward? We shall see. The role of royal cast-off is a hard one to play, especially for someone who has shown such obvious potential for the part of princess. We may hope that, among the other emotions she must be feeling, eventually Kate will allow herself a small sigh of relief.

There will be little relief for Clarence House in the next few weeks. What will concern Prince Charles's courtiers now is damage limitation. Even if the break-up was as "amicable" as has been claimed, they will be holding their breath over what comes next.

I remember in the days before Charles and Diana's separation was announced (also described as "amicable"), we wrote reassuring rubbish, such as "there is no third party involved" and "there is no prospect of divorce". It's the kind of thing people say when they're looking for glimmers of light in an unpredictable situation.

Then, as we laboured late into the night on scores of draft press briefings, I thought what a shame it was that we couldn't have applied our collective energies to keeping the royal couple together. But it was too late for that. We had to deal with the situation as it was, not how we wished it to be. It will be the same today.

Has anybody tried to keep William and Kate together? Or will the news be greeted with relief by royal grandees who tut-tutted that Miss Middleton was aiming a little too high for one of her background? It's possible that the "third party" in this case was not some love rival, but the

ghost of royal snobbery. The coalminers in Kate's ancestry might have been the aristocracy of the working classes, but noble birth is still a useful tick in the box if you plan to be Queen.

The former Camilla Shand was sidelined by such thinking when her royal boyfriend joined the services. Let's hope that history won't repeat itself, with Kate a permanent shadow from the past. We will now have to let events unfold to see whether William is a ditherer - or whether he is, instead, a wise head on young shoulders.

Somebody in Clarence House has drafted contingency plans to deal with the fallout. They can probably cope with a few unattributable leaks to friendly journalists, but don't rule out several sleepless nights while royal minders fret over the possibility of some really damaging revelations.

When the fallen petals of a failed romance have been swept away, we are left with a stark reality. The hereditary monarchy depends on the

safe, orderly and popular transfer of the crown from one generation to the next. It wasn't just Woolworths who jumped the gun with their wedding plates. There was a collective hope that in Kate, William had found someone whom he had grown to love in the peace of St Andrews and with whom he could build a relationship strong enough to withstand the storms of modern royal life.

If the couple had married, Woolworths might have sold a lot of plates, but the really crucial fact would have remained: William would have formed a relationship with the potential to stop the marital rot that plagued his father's generation. The entire institution of monarchy would have been more secure as a result.

We can no longer say that. Instead, the Palace planners must put away the draft diary sheets that would have helped them crown their careers with the first truly royal wedding of the 21st century. They must comfort themselves with the thought that, if the nettle had to be grasped, at least that uncomfortable deed has now been done.

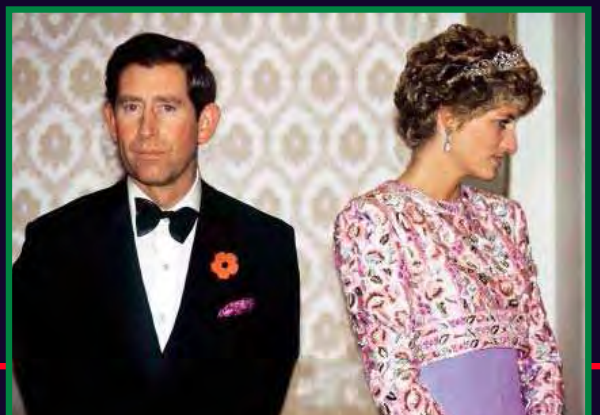
The British monarchy didn't survive for the last thousand years by crying over spilt milk. The Queen, in particular, embodies the brisk, no-fuss approach to calamity that is perhaps her generation's greatest strength.

So we can be reassured that royal life will go serenely on, without the help of Kate Middleton. We can admire photographs of Prince William driving his tank, looking externally unscathed by this near miss from Cupid's arrow.

But in the end the central question will remain: if not Kate Middleton, then whom?

**'The coalminers in Kate's ancestry might have been the aristocracy of the working classes, but noble birth is still a useful tick in the box'**

**On their last official trip together, to South Korea in 1992, Prince Charles and Princess Diana looked distant and miserable throughout (right). Less than a month later their separation was made public. Ironically, it was Camilla Parker Bowles, now married to Prince Charles - and with whom he had an affair while married to Diana - who helped choose a suitable wife for him, one with just the right aristocratic background to make her a good queen**



# BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WHAT GOES ON INSIDE THE EXCLUSIVE CLUBS FAVoured BY HIGH SOCIETY

**'Membership focuses on how well you fit in rather than how much you've got to spend'**

**L**ondon's society club scene is vibrant – with loud music, dedicated drinking and dancing, plus the occasional fight. There's a lot of intercontinental money flying around – Greek, Arab, Russian – but clubs aim for exclusivity and observe a strict door policy. The social cuckoos like to go somewhere where they know it'll be difficult to get in, especially where you can spot the odd royal.

Following his recent split from girlfriend Kate Middleton, William was spotted drowning his sorrows at **Mahiki** in Dover Street, reportedly shouting: "Let's drink the menu!" before blowing £5,000 on £400 magnums of 1998 Dom Pérignon champagne and cocktails with names like Poisoned Chalice, Zombie Horde and Treasure Chest – at £100 a pop.

Last week it was Kate's turn to party at the club, with a group of girlfriends, while **Boujis** in South Kensington is another favourite with the fun-loving brunette. She co-founded a girls' drinking society at St Andrews University because she was annoyed that the old ones excluded women.

The "Turbo Sloanes" such as Marina and Rose Hanbury, Peaches Geldof, Jemima Khan and Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice all mingle in Mahiki with entertainment party people Lindsay Lohan, Madonna, Sienna Miller and Scarlett Johansson.

Membership focuses on who you are and how well you fit in with the crowd rather than how much you've got to spend. It is not uncommon to see a Ferrari pull up outside Boujis and the driver be turned away because his business is not needed that night.

Club membership is serious stuff, and lucrative too. The international media club **Soho House** (members

include Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor, Norman "Fatboy Slim" Cook and Peter Mandelson) has a waiting list of 7,000 and a £500 annual membership fee.

Other favourite haunts with the royal rat pack include the venerable **Tramp** in Jermyn Street, **Movida** in Soho, **The Cuckoo Club** (whose committee includes Bryan Ferry and Jefferson Hack) in Swallow Street, **Chinawhite** in Soho, **Aura** and **Pangaea** in Mayfair, and a recent arrival on the scene, the **Troubadour** in Fulham, where Prince Harry had his send-off before going to Iraq.

If anyone can do a night out in style, the young royals can. Their poison? Bottles of champagne at a mere £150 (Cristal, the brand that P Diddy and others worship in their raps, is favoured above all others). How times have changed. A few years ago, William and his pack once loped into a Moroccan-themed club in Bristol (just as dark and "exotic" as Mahiki), when he was visiting one of his Old Etonian pals studying at the university. The most they racked up were a few bottles of Jack Daniels to accompany their modest Coca-Colas. Now the carousel of nights out commands a more decadent choice of drink.

Dom Pérignon is also the favoured tipple at the Cuckoo Club, where 1970s retro glamour is the order of the day. A mirrored gothic staircase leads down to the nightclub, which is decked out with mirrors, black tables and blackberry-coloured armchairs. A ceiling studded with purple lights casts a glow over proceedings, while a twinkling bar lights one end of the room. Here, the tab for a group for an evening can easily come to £11,000 – plus a £1,000 tip for the staff. But this is Monopoly

## PARTY PEOPLE: WHERE BLUE BLOOD



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Kate Middleton and Prince William (far right) both went to London club Mahiki to drown their sorrows after last week's split



money to some of the more wealthy club-goers – the city traders, the bankers with “bonus envy”, the shipping millionaires, the Russian oligarchs. A group will reserve a table at a minimum price of £3,000, but the international partygoers at Movida and Pangaea will often rack this up to £30,000 or £40,000. Movida’s 30 tables are nearly always fully booked, and the recent change in licensing laws allowed the club – a favourite with sports stars like cricketer Kevin Pietersen and Formula One’s Jenson Button – to stay open until 5am (the first in London to do so).

A typical example of a Sloaney gal about town is 21-year-old Gemma Gregory, who was educated at Lady Margaret’s School in Fulham and has the King’s Road as her stomping ground. She describes an average night out in Boujis: “We all get dressed up and look smart – we have to if we are sitting at the VIP tables. The guys always reserve a table and spend thousands and thousands in one night. We only really ever drink champagne. The boys can sink a few bottles of Cristal in a couple of hours.”

Club manager Jake Parkinson-Smith is protective of his members’ privacy. A regular recently told *The Observer Magazine*: “It’s safe to come here. You know you’re not going to get a hard time and you’re likely to meet people like you.”

Gemma’s diary reads like a Debrett’s handbook of fashionable haunts. On Tuesdays the port of call is Boujis, Wednesdays is Chinawhite, Thursdays is Aura, and Fridays and Saturdays is Tramp or Mahiki.

“I used to go out with the guys four or five times a week. I can’t do it any more – I have to get serious,” she sighs.

The cries of “Okay, yah” amid the flying of champagne corks is all regular stuff at venues such as Mahiki and Boujis. Knots of beautiful trustafarians with finely-woven highlights and lean limbs (from all that lacrosse) work it across the floors of Pangaea and Boujis as if they were on their own personal catwalk. Etiquette is, more often than not, “mis-laid” among the bluebloods when on a night out. The elongated vowels are still there, so are the Chloe handbags and Tiffany pendants, but a dizzying array of shots of vodka or champagne cocktails is bound to loosen up a few of those finishing school manners.

The gals languish at the bar, with a customised champagne cocktail in one hand (made courtesy of the devilishly handsome Brazilian barman) and an encrusted diamanté mobile in the other, and excitedly chat about their latest relationship: “He’s just adorable, it’s all brill. When you’re in love it’s the most wonderful three days of your life.”

Banter isn’t highbrow on such occasions. The music at Mahiki and Boujis is loud and calls for dancing rather than networking. Gemma says that friendship groups change as tiresomely and frequently as fashion for certain venues, while fights outside the club at the end of the night are all “common fare”.

William, Harry and their gangs may appear a bunch of *enfants terribles*, but the social climate in London’s exclusive clubs only invites such antics, while brawls with paparazzi, and gaggles of thoroughbreds consuming £50 jugs of tropical cocktails on velvet sofas, can only result in more and more media attention. **H**

REPORT: SUSANNAH MACPHERSON-BAILEY



## AND SHOWBIZOCRACY MINGLE



In with the in-crowd: (from left) Bob Geldof’s daughter Peaches, film stars Scarlett Johansson and Sienna Miller, and Princess Beatrice (with boyfriend Dave Clark) are all part of the new Swinging London set who hang out at nightclubs like Boujis, Mahiki (inset, top), the venerable Tramp, Movida and Chinawhite

# LADIES IN WAITING FOR WILL

The dust has barely settled on the relationship between William and Kate, but speculation is already mounting as to who will be the next "throne ranger" to win the Prince's heart.

Royal watcher James Whitaker believes that finding a suitable match will be difficult. "I don't think there's a woman in the world who is really bred and fit to become his wife," he says. "It's an impossible situation for any woman to fit into. The people who do make it are princesses. They understand how it all works. But nearly every princess is Roman Catholic and Prince William cannot marry a Roman Catholic and keep his line of succession."

There's no shortage of strikingly beautiful, well-connected English women who would be happy to become Queen, however. The gorgeous, bright young things will be easy to spot at the summer's top society weddings, at Royal Ascot and applauding the play at the elite polo clubs. If rumours are to be believed, one has attracted William's attention already.

Ladbrokes is already taking bets on Kate's replacement. It is offering 6/1 that actress Isabella Anstruther-Gough-Calthorpe will win the future King's affections, 7/1 that he will fall for his old friend Jecca Craig and 12/1 that he will reunite with Kate.

William is far from shy when it comes to women. "If I fancy a girl and I really like her and she fancies me back, which is rare, I ask her out," he has said, and his flirtatious streak came out last month when he was seen in an "embrace" with farmer's daughter Tess Shepherd after they danced together at Boujis nightclub.

Here we profile some of the women in his life...



ISABELLA ANSTRUTHER-GOUGH-CALTHORPE

Emma, a vet, is close to William and Harry. Her parents, former cavalry officer Simon Tomlinson and his wife Claire, are Prince Charles's next door neighbours at Highgrove and run the Beaufort Polo Club. Claire was William's polo coach, and the Prince spent part of his gap year working on the couple's organic farm.

Vivacious Emma, 32, developed a reputation for being a party girl after she was pictured alongside Prince Harry during one of the now notorious lock-ins at a pub near Highgrove. Her brothers, Mark and Luke, are also close to the young royals – Mark has joined Harry on skiing trips.

"Luke and Mark have what William would really love to have," says one friend. "They play fantastic polo, have a nice, fairly uncomplicated way of life and spend half the year in Argentina. That's total dreamland for William."



EMMA TOMLINSON

▲ The stunning actress, currently appearing in the West End in the stage version of *Dirty Dancing* under the name Isabella Calthorpe, has an impressive pedigree. A direct descendant of William the Conqueror, her mother is banking heiress Lady Mary Gaye Curzon and her ancestors include Viceroy of India George Curzon. She also has a beautiful younger sister, 17-year-old Gabriella, who is on the books of the Premier modelling agency.

Prince William is said to have developed a crush on blonde Isabella, whose polo-playing brother Jacobi is one of his closest friends, when the two met a few years ago.

Isabella was reportedly the one woman in William's life that Kate was increasingly uneasy about. When she and the Prince temporarily split in the summer of 2004, it was allegedly



prompted by his infatuation with the blonde aristocrat.

"He had fallen for Isabella in a huge way and wanted to be with her. He propositioned her several times that summer and although Isabella was single, she knocked William back and said it would be too damaging for her and her career," said a source.

The Prince and Kate were reunited, but at a black tie ball in 2005, William was said to have spent much of the evening engrossed in conversation with Isabella, causing Kate to storm out.

Friends of the Prince have insisted that he was never serious about Isabella, 26, and she has since become smitten with another eligible young man. The aspiring actress has been dating Virgin owner Sir Richard Branson's son Sam, who was among an appreciative audience on *Dirty Dancing's* opening night.



## THE HON. ALEXANDRA KNATCHBULL

▲ Alexandra, 24, has known William all her life. She was one of Princess Diana's 17 godchildren and her parents, the eighth Baron Brabourne and his wife Penelope – formerly known as Lord and Lady Romsey – are close friends of Prince Charles. Her father is one of William's six godparents.

Descended from Queen Victoria, Alexandra's great-grandfather was Earl Mountbatten, and her aunt Amanda Knatchbull was the first woman to whom Prince Charles proposed in 1979 – the couple dated on and off for five years.

If Alexandra did become a love interest of Prince William, she's off

to a good start – she's an intelligent young woman and Prince Charles is said to have a soft spot for her. After reading theology at Oxford, Alexandra is now in the US undertaking graduate studies at the Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, focusing on international security.



**ARABELLA MUSGRAVE**

▲ PR girl Arabella, 25, was William's first serious girlfriend when they dated in the summer of 2001, before the Prince headed to St Andrews University. "Arabella is a very pretty girl. She is county set and has the looks that William likes," said a friend at the time.

The heir to the throne was said to be smitten with Arabella, who shared his love of polo – her father, Major

Nicholas Musgrave, is manager of Cirencester Polo Club. And the young couple enjoyed quiet nights at Cirencester's Tunnel House pub.

Arabella reportedly grew tired of the Prince's "roving eye" but they remained friends and she also got to know Kate. Now head of Gucci's PR, she shares a south west London home with brewery heir and friend of William, the Hon. James Tollemache.



**HOLLY BRANSON**

▲ Holly found it "hilarious" when she was crowned winner of the 2004 Channel 4 series *A Wife for William* in which viewers voted for their choice of future Queen. The famously level-headed 25-year-old has known the Prince since childhood. Princess Diana was a good friend of Holly's father, Virgin owner Sir Richard Branson, and she and her sons often stayed on his Caribbean hideaway Necker Island.

Holly has described William as "the perfect guy – tall, kind, handsome and with a wicked sense of humour", but their relationship is amicable. She is also friends with Kate and invited her on a girls-only holiday on her father's game reserve in South Africa.

Currently studying medicine at University College London, Holly recently bought a £4.75m house in Holland Park.



**JECCA CRAIG**

When rumours that William had enjoyed a "pretend engagement" with Jessica "Jecca" Craig surfaced in 2003, the Prince issued an unprecedented statement in which he insisted they were just good friends.

William was said to be "deeply embarrassed" by the claims as he is close to her family, including her parents Ian and Jane Craig, on whose Kenyan estate he worked during his gap year. He has made frequent return trips to their Lewa Downs wildlife ranch, even taking Kate on holiday there in 2005.

Jecca, 25, is described by friends as "sweet, loyal and very outdoorsy". A guest at William's *Out of Africa*-themed 21st birthday party, she moved to London in 2002 to study conservation and shared a flat in Ladbroke Grove with Kinvara Balfour, the granddaughter of the late Duke of Norfolk.

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**LADY ROSANAGH INNES-KER**

▲ Rosanagh – known as Rosie – already boasts royal connections. The daughter of the 10th Duke of Roxburghe and Lady Jane Grosvenor, she was a bridesmaid at the 1986 wedding of Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson when the then four-year-old Prince William was a page boy. It was in Floors Castle, her family home and the largest castle in Scotland, that Andrew had proposed to his future bride.

Pretty Rosie, 28, another descendant of William the Conqueror, certainly knows how to attract high-profile men. At the age of 21, she started guests at a charity golf tournament as she shared a kiss and a cuddle with Hugh Grant.



**NATALIE HICKS-LOBBECKE**

▲ When statuesque blonde Natalie – or “Nats”, as she is known to William and Harry – was pictured laughing and joking with Prince William at Beaufort Polo Club, Cirencester in 2000, she was soon the subject of intense media attention and speculation.

“Once the papers had printed Nat’s name, William was on the phone constantly, giving advice and encouraging her not to worry too much,” said a friend.

The pair have remained close. Natalie, a Bristol University graduate who, like William, studied history of art, has

attended many of the Prince’s parties and has even joined him on a visit to Africa.

Her father Stephen is an army major while her mother Rosemarie comes from one of the wealthiest families in the German aristocracy. The Lobbekes can trace their history and fortune, made from merchant banking, back to the Renaissance.

Natalie, 27, who is believed to be working in film production, knows other royals, too, having done work experience at the PR company where the Countess of Wessex once worked.



# DESTINED TO BE KING ONE DAY PRINCE WILLIAM

## CONTINUES HIS 'BOY'S OWN' LIFE IN THE ARMY IN PREPARATION FOR A FUTURE MAPPED OUT FROM BIRTH



Long separations because of army duties were one of the reasons for William and Kate's break-up. But service life is part of William's preparation for the throne

**T**he world's most eligible bachelor is back in circulation, with gaggles of stunning girls falling over themselves to date him. According to tabloid rumours, one who he finds exciting because she is reportedly "a bit naughty" has already caught his eye.

But if he seems to be living every young guy's dream, the truth is rather different. Will, as his Army pals call him, is trapped in a life he hasn't chosen. While his friends from university have gone off to become Masters of the Universe in the City of London, or are carving out careers in the arts, law or politics, he is destined to become head of an exceptional, but rather old-fashioned, family firm.

Palace sources insist that, after some reluctance in his teenage years, William, 24, is now reconciled to his future. To prove it, he is devoting his time to preparing for the day when he shoulders the burden of monarchy. This means spending several years in the armed forces, as one day he will be their titular supreme commander.

After a year's officer training at Sandhurst, he has followed his brother Harry to Bovington Camp in Dorset, where he is learning about desert warfare and is the leader of 11 other servicemen who crew four Scimitar tanks. It all sounds like wonderful *Boy's Own Annual* stuff, but Palace sources say William is finding Army life more difficult than he imagined.

"The plain fact is that William is not happy in the Army. He is doing it out of a sense of duty, that's all," one member of his circle reveals.

There is little doubt that, had he been able to choose, he would never have enlisted. No pressure was put on him to go to Sandhurst Military Academy, but he has grown up in a world in which the military is part of everyday life. From the time he was a toddler, he has watched Generals, Admirals and Chiefs of the Air Staff visiting his father for briefings. His relatives have either served in the armed forces or hold honorary positions of various regiments. Even his grandmother the Queen served during the Second World War as Second Subaltern No. 230873 in the Auxiliary Transport Service. Any career other than a military one, as Prince Edward found to his dismay, inevitably leads to accusations of exploiting royal connections.

Unfortunately for William, just like his father the Prince of Wales, he must join not one, but all three, of the services. It's an Admiral Nelson-like "England expects" message that has been drilled into him since he was tiny.

Unlike his Action Man younger brother Harry, who is fulfilling his lifelong dream by becoming an Army officer, William is more interested in conservation and estate management. After spending much of his gap year at the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, owned by the parents of his former girlfriend Jecca Craig, he

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**'After a year with the Army, William will transfer to the Royal Navy and the Air Force, making it difficult to sustain a relationship'**

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"Meet and greets" will be a staple of William's life after he has served in all three branches of the armed forces. He'll be about 28 years old by then, the point at which he's been quoted as saying that he'll be ready to marry. The pressure will then be on to find a bride who can live up to expectation

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## THE WEALTH OF PRINCE WILLIAM

**H**is destiny is to accede to the British throne one day, but Prince William is also set to inherit a sizeable fortune and property portfolio, which will presumably include the Sandringham, Balmoral and Highgrove estates. Buckingham Palace and Windsor are both owned by the state and William will be a sitting tenant.

The young royal is already a multimillionaire in his own right, thanks to legacies from Princess Diana and the Queen Mother – he and Harry inherited an estimated £13million from his great-grandmother's estate. He also has a trust fund that was set up by the Queen, and he earns around

£16,000 a year as an officer with the Blues and Royals regiment.

On his 25th birthday this June, William will receive a large chunk of his inheritance from his late mother, who died in 1997. According to reports, he plans to donate part of his £300,000 cheque to the Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. "It's the right time for William to get involved and protect his mother's legacy and continue her work," a source said. "As well as making a financial contribution, he wants a more hands-on role with the memorial fund."

The trustees of Diana's will, who include her sister Lady Sarah McCorquodale, award William an

annual income. Besides the financial arrangement, Diana left her jewellery collection to her sons to be used by their future wives.

When William succeeds his father as Prince of Wales, he will receive revenue from the Duchy of Cornwall, which owns around 133,000 acres mostly in south-west England. The Duchy is said to give Charles an income of around £13million a year.

As King, William will also own one of the finest private art collections in the world and the famous stamp collection begun by King George V. He will have a fleet of official limousines and vault-loads of jewels, gold plate and porcelain.

gained a second-class geography degree from St Andrews. Inspired by visits to Lewa, he became patron of the Tusk Trust, a charity that protects endangered rhino and elephant.

Like many young men before him, he discovered that the Army made regular dates with his girlfriend Kate more difficult, a factor that played a part in their split over Easter.

To add to William's miseries, his Troop Leaders course in Dorset has taught him all about the dangers his brother will face when he leaves for Iraq in early May and he will not be totally reassured of his safety until Harry's tour of duty ends.

After a year with the Army, William will transfer to the Royal Navy and the Air Force to complete his three years with the Services. So, over the next two years, he will be based all over the country, making it difficult to sustain a relationship – one reason why he did not want to commit to Kate Middleton.

From then on, from the age of about 28, he will be expected to begin lifelong royal duties. An endless round of inspecting factories, making speeches, and meeting and greeting awestruck crowds on walkabouts stretches ahead.

Yes, there are plenty of perks. He doesn't have to worry about a mortgage or going on job interviews, although every time he meets a member of the public he is being tested on his suitability for the throne.

He must never be tired, bored or ill, but always be punctual and pleasant. On top of that, he must live his life under the searing spotlight of the media. William knows the monarchy continues only with the goodwill of the public, so he will be constantly trying to live up to our expectations.

One day he must also find a wife whom he not only can love, but who we can take to our hearts too.

It's a very tall order. Who would swap places with William now? **H**

REPORT: JUDY WADE

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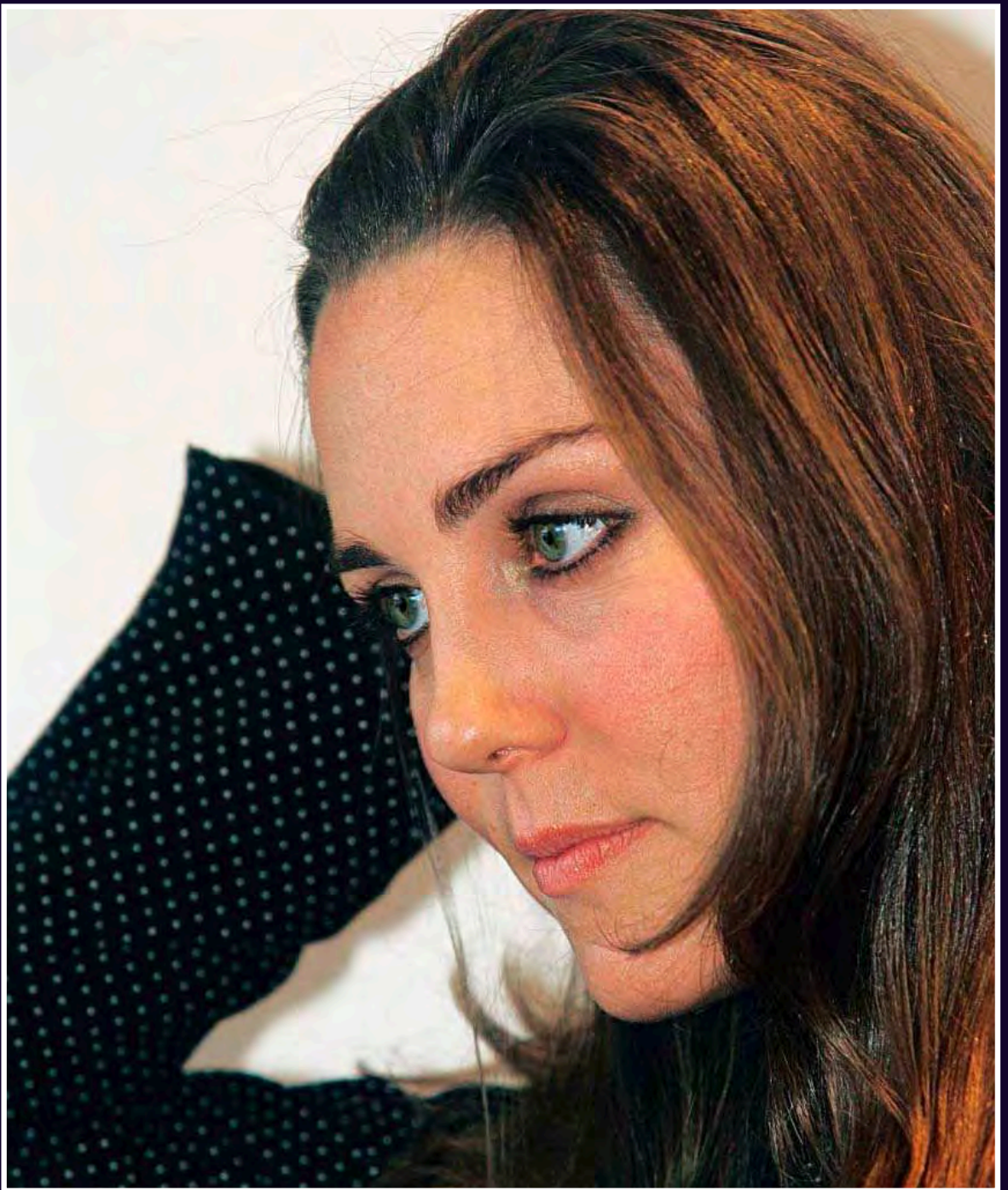


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When Kate appeared at her boyfriend's side at the Cheltenham Festival onlookers speculated how long it would be before she formally joined "the firm", as the royal family calls itself. Now she must find herself a new role in life

# WHAT NEXT FOR KATE?



**S**o what does the future hold for the former lovers? For Prince William, royal and military duties will take up most of his time, while his social life will centre around the officers' mess of the Blues and Royals and, no doubt, the occasional London nightclub.

For Kate, however, the future is less clear. For four years she effectively put her own life on hold. By now, many contemporaries from Marlborough College and the University of St Andrews have fully fledged careers and are in relationships with the prospect of marriage on the horizon. Kate has neither of these things. Though she is currently employed as a children's accessories buyer for fashion chain Jigsaw, few see this as a

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fulfilling role for her, but her history as the former lover of the heir to the throne may present difficulties when it comes to establishing a career with prospects.

And finding a new boyfriend may prove just as troublesome. Media interest will

remain keen for many years to come, and comparisons will inevitably be made between any new male companion and Prince William, which the former may find difficult to deal with.

This is the point – while both parties will need time to recover from the break-up of the love affair, the course of William's life remains pretty much unaltered, while Kate's life has changed forever.

Gone are the police protection, the courtesy cars and the doors that once opened without her having to so much as blink at them; gone is the expectation of a secure future within the royal circle, with the long-ahead prospect of becoming Queen; and gone is Kate's place in ►

**'It is unlikely that the public will forget Kate. She has impressed us with her tough, charming, steady and resolute character'**

history as the wife, mother and grandmother of future kings.

In the shelter of her parents' home, a drastic reassessment of Kate's life and prospects is undoubtedly under way. On the plus side, Kate achieved good results at GCSE and A-level and has a good degree in the history of art. Add to that a worldliness that comes from all that she's seen since entering the royal circle, a hefty dollop of her mother's iron will, innate charm and grace, good looks and an optimistic frame of mind, and you have a young woman who should have a bright future.

On the minus side, though, Kate must bear the brunt of being seen as the woman scorned, the lover cast aside. Privacy, which ordinary citizens count as their right, will continue to be denied her for years to come. Establishing a career in the media spotlight will be challenging and, despite her cheerful demeanour, Kate is nursing a broken heart.

So what's to be done? The first thing her supporters must hope is that the royals will give her some practical support. The disruption to her life, and that of her family, has been immense.

She surely has a right to a trip around the world, or a sabbatical in New York, Paris or Rome. And the immensely wealthy family she nearly became a part of should, at the very least, be ready and willing to assist her in this. In a previous age, royal mistresses were given vast pensions. Though nobody expects such treatment today, and there is no suggestion she was a kept woman, there is an onus on the royals to take care of Kate in the short term.

Second, the Prince of Wales could deploy some of his many contacts to assist the young woman who so nearly became his daughter-in-law. While he wisely stayed out of any decisions over the couple's future, he was impressed by Kate and liked her very much.

Given that she has a degree in the history of art, some of the many collectors Charles knows, especially in the United States, would be more than willing to offer Kate a job should he give the nod. The advantage here is that if Kate chose to work abroad, she could escape the public gaze for a while. If there is one thing recent weeks have shown, however, it is that Kate has a close relationship with her family, which makes permanent exile out of the question.

Back home, a friend and benefactor, such as Charles's friend Lord Rothschild, might be of assistance in finding Kate work where she can develop her skills, while at the same time receiving a measure of protection. For there can be no doubt that Kate will now want a career she can get her teeth into, coming as she does from a family with a strong work ethic, and educated at Marlborough, a school that imbues its pupils with the will to win.

The final question about her future rests on her public image. It is unlikely that the public will forget Kate. She has impressed the nation with her tough, charming, diplomatic, steady and resolute character – and the nation has taken her to its heart. There will always be interest in her.

Some advisors would suggest that the best way to cope with this is for Kate to "adopt" a charity or two, so that she can be occasionally seen and photographed to good purpose – and then be left alone. That way, the public can keep in touch with Kate, and she with the public.

All this is a great deal for a young woman of 25 to contemplate. The bonus for Kate is that she has a strong and protective family, one that will ensure her path to happiness is not obstructed further.

But there is another family that bears some responsibility for Miss Middleton, too. It would be encouraging to learn that they had taken steps to ensure this remarkable young woman's future is a bright and contented one. **H**

REPORT: CHRISTOPHER WILSON



Kate has impressive qualifications, from A-levels at the highly regarded independent school Marlborough College in Wiltshire (below) to a respectable degree from Scotland's oldest university, St Andrews (she graduated, above, on the same day as Prince William). Now, thanks to her friendship with the Prince, she should have some formidable connections, too





Kate has her brother James by her side on a brief trip to London last week. The Middletons have closed ranks to support her as she faces an uncertain future without her Prince

## JAMIE OLIVER

**Cooks up reward after pub robbery**



Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver has put up a £150,000 reward to help catch the gang who robbed his parents' country pub. A gang of at least four men wearing balaclavas and wielding base-

ball bats and hammers burst into The Cricketers, a 16th-century inn in Clavering, near Saffron Walden in Essex, as it was closing last Saturday night. Jamie's parents Trevor and Sally were not at the pub at the time. The gang forced an 80-year-old kitchen worker to the floor and struck another worker across the arm. They escaped with between £8,000 and £10,000 after making staff open the pub safe. Last week a spokesman for dad-of-two Jamie said: "He is angry. He grew up in the pub and first started to learn to cook there. He's shocked that this kind of thing happens in a small village."

## JULIAN LENNON

**Sells a stake in his Dad's music**



Beatle John Lennon's eldest son Julian has sold a "significant" share of his stake in the famous songs co-written by his late father. Terms of the deal between Julian and Primary Wave

Music Publishing have not been disclosed. Primary Wave will receive payments when the songs, which include classic tracks such as *All You Need is Love*, *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds* and *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* are sold on CD, performed live or played on the radio. Julian, 44, who plans to release an album later this year, said the sale was intended to bolster his music career. "I felt it was the appropriate time to take on a partner for both my interest in my father's legendary music and for my future music endeavours."

## ALEC BALDWIN

**Phone rant reignites feud with ex Kim**



The simmering feud between Hollywood stars Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger erupted again last week when an angry phone message from Alec to their daughter was made public. The

*Good Shepherd* and *The Departed* actor, who has visiting rights with 11-year-old Ireland, apparently started the rant when she did not answer a planned call. "You are a rude, thoughtless little pig," he was heard saying. "You don't have the brains or the decency as a human being." A spokesman for the 49-year-old actor claimed "the mother and her lawyer leaked this sealed material in violation of a court order". A spokesman for Kim, 53 said: "The voicemail speaks for itself." She and Alec married in 1993 and divorced eight years later. They have since been locked in legal battles, mainly over custody and visitation rights.

# 7 DAYS A ROUND-UP OF NEWS REPORTS

## THE QUEEN

**Low-key birthday celebrations**



The Queen marked her 81st birthday last week with a quiet dinner at Windsor Castle. The low-key event was in sharp contrast to last year when she celebrated turning 80 with a series of

high-profile public festivities. Her Majesty is due to have a busy 12 months. She heads to the US next month for a six-day state visit. In November, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will celebrate 60 years of marriage and later that month the royal couple are due to travel to Uganda for a Commonwealth summit.

## TERRY JONES

**Python star 'lucky' to beat cancer**



Monty Python veteran Terry Jones has spoken for the first time about his "incredible luck" in beating bowel cancer, adding that support from family and friends and "the odd glass

of beer" aided his recovery. Terry, 65, who lives in London with his 23-year-old Swedish girlfriend Anna Soderstrom, was diagnosed with the disease after a routine medical last

October. After undergoing surgery and chemotherapy the writer-director is now fully recovered. "I'm in great spirits," Terry said. "I feel incredibly lucky the illness was spotted so early. In some ways it seems as if I was never really ill. At least I never felt ill."

● Liberty X singer **Michelle Heaton** has been told she needs a heart pacemaker. The 27-year-old pop star revealed she will have to undergo the major operation because she suffers from palpitations.

## RICHARD FAIRBRASS

**Right Said Fred star to run for mayor**



The lead singer of pop group Right Said Fred is planning to stand for London mayor. Richard Fairbrass, 53, has said he wants to run as an independent candidate against

Ken Livingstone. "I have been living here since 1982 and London has definitely improved," the *I'm Too Sexy* singer said. "But I think Ken has been in the hot seat for too long – it's time for a change."

● Former BBC director-general Greg Dyke has ruled himself out as a potential joint mayoral candidate for the Tories and Lib Dems after the two parties failed to agree on the move.

## BRYAN FERRY

**Says sorry for Nazi style comments**



Singer Bryan Ferry has apologised for remarks he made praising Nazi iconography. The former Roxy Music frontman said in an interview with German paper *Welt am Sonntag*:

"The Nazis knew how to put themselves in the limelight and present themselves. I'm talking about Leni Riefenstahl's movies and Albert Speer's buildings and the mass parades and the flags – just amazing. Really beautiful." In a statement last week, 61-year-old Bryan said he was "deeply upset" by the furor his remarks had caused. "I apologise unreservedly for any offence caused by my comments on Nazi iconography,

which were solely made from an art perspective," he said. "I, like every right-minded individual, find the Nazi regime, and all it stood for, evil and abhorrent."

## MIKE TINDALL

**Rugby star out after breaking leg**

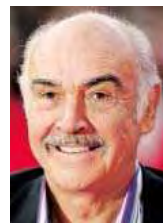


England rugby union star Mike Tindall may miss the Rugby World Cup later in the year after breaking his leg. The 28-year-old boyfriend of Zara Phillips was

carried off on a stretcher as his Gloucester side lost to Newcastle last week. He underwent surgery on a fractured right tibia the next day. The star will be out of action for at least three months and his involvement in England's defence of the title they won four years ago is now in serious doubt. Gloucester head coach Dean Ryan said: "We will be behind him all the way in his recovery process."

## SIR SEAN CONNERY

**All-clear after tests for throat cancer**



James Bond legend Sir Sean Connery has been given the all-clear after undergoing tests at a New York clinic on potentially cancerous lumps in his throat. Fears for Sir Sean's health

grew when the actor pulled out of a charity event he had been due to host as part of Tartan Week – a celebration for Americans with Scottish roots – and checked into the clinic. Sir Sean, 76, has suffered from throat growths since 1986 and has annual check-ups. Last week, the actor's brother Neil, 68, who also has the same condition, said: "I'm pleased to say he was given the all-clear." Sir Sean said: "It means a great deal to me to know people care so dearly about my well-being."

● **Barry Nelson**, the first actor to play James Bond on screen, has died, aged 89. Barry starred as the now legendary secret agent in a one-hour TV adaptation of *Casino Royale* in 1954.

## GARRY KASPAROV

**Chess master arrested at Moscow rally**



Former world chess champion and Russian opposition figure Garry Kasparov has been arrested by riot police during a banned rally in the centre of Moscow. Garry, 44, the leader of

the United Civil Front group, part of Russia's opposition coalition, was among scores of demonstrators detained during the pro-democracy protest. He was freed after ten hours and a brief court appearance, during which he was fined 1,000 roubles (£20). Garry, who has been an outspoken opponent of President Putin since retiring from professional chess in 2005, said: "It is not about the size of the fine. It is a precedent because if they arrest me a second time they can put me behind bars."

## SIMON COWELL – Denies being insensitive about Virginia massacre



Musi mogul and *American Idol* judge Simon Cowell has denied showing a lack of respect for the victims of the Virginia Tech university shootings during the US

show last week. The 47-year-old was seen rolling his eyes on the hit talent show as contestant Chris Richardson, who hails from Virginia, paid tribute to the 32 people shot dead at the university earlier in the week.

Simon said he did not hear the speech and was talking to fellow judge Paula Abdul when he pulled the face. "I may not be the nicest

person in the world, but I would never disrespect those families or victims," he said.

The show's executive producer Ken Warwick leapt to Simon's defence. "He would be the biggest fool on television if he did that. And he's not a fool, believe me," he said. Fellow *American Idol* executive producer Nigel Lythgoe added: "This is a sad time for everyone, so it is especially disheartening that a quick camera cutaway could have been misinterpreted."

The news comes as Simon has shot up Britain's Rich List. The annual *Sunday Times* table shows the pop Svengali's fortune has rocketed by £40million over the past year and seen him leap 244 places to 700 with an estimated fortune of £100m.

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Students of Virginia Tech university struggle to come to terms with the death of 32 fellow students and teaching staff at the hands of Cho Seung-Hui (below left). Professor Liviu Librescu (below right) died as he attempted to stop Cho entering his classroom. His actions led to him being posthumously awarded the highest honour his native Romania can bestow. "He looked horrified," said a witness, "but he kept all the students behind him so they could get out"



**LIGHTING  
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DARKNESS**  
VIRGINIA PAYS  
TRIBUTE TO THOSE  
KILLED IN THE  
DEADLIEST  
SHOOTING SPREE  
IN U.S. HISTORY



In a moving ceremony, students, teaching staff, relatives and those who just wished to pay tribute came together last week in a candlelit vigil held to remember the victims of the biggest gun massacre in US history.

In a cool and calculated act, undergraduate Cho Seung-Hui began his killing spree by gunning down two of his fellow students at Virginia Tech university, one of whom was a girl he was said to have become obsessed with. Then he calmly posted off a package to broadcaster NBC containing video footage of himself, photos and a 28-page statement explaining his twisted motives before picking up two handguns and killing another 30 people before turning the gun on himself.

The vigil was just one of a host of events held to mark the tragedy. President George Bush and his wife Laura travelled to the traumatised campus in Blacksburg to pay their respects. Makeshift memorial boards set up there have become a site of pilgrimage, with students and locals alike stopping to add their tributes.

As the governor of Virginia declared last Friday a day of mourning, official investigations turned to

whether the tragedy could have been prevented. The 23-year-old killer was known to have mental health problems and had been reported to police for stalking two women.

Korean-born Cho himself gave valuable clues to his motives in the video he sent to NBC, ranting about his perceived tormentors – the “rich kids” on the campus – and laying the blame for his actions on them. “Your Mercedes wasn’t enough, you brats. Your golden necklaces weren’t enough, you snobs. Your trust funds weren’t enough,” he ranted. “Do you know what it feels to be spit on your face... to be humiliated?” He claims, “You had a hundred billion chances to have avoided today... Now you have blood on your hands.”

The day of mourning coincided with the funeral of mathematics professor Liviu Librescu, 76. The Holocaust survivor was killed as he blocked the door of his classroom against Cho, giving students time to escape.

Speaking at the funeral his eldest son Joe revealed his pride at his father’s actions. “I walked through the streets today with my head held high because I have such a father,” he said.



Memorial services in Blacksburg, Virginia, included a candlelit vigil on the university campus (above) and a service attended by President George Bush and his wife Laura (below). “It’s impossible to make sense of such violence and suffering,” said the President, before telling the students: “You will always remember the friends and teachers who were lost”





## COLOUR AND SPECTACLE AS BOLLYWOOD ROYALTY AISHWARYA RAI AND ABHISHEK BACHCHAN MARRY IN INDIA'S 'WEDDING OF THE CENTURY'



**W**ith its secrets, intrigues and sensual dance routines, the wedding of actress and former Miss World Aishwarya Rai and Bollywood action hero Abhishek Bachchan had all the right elements to keep Indian film fans in raptures.

The union of two of Bollywood's biggest stars was eagerly dubbed "the wedding of the century". Thousands of fans lined the roads of Mumbai last week hoping to catch a glimpse of Abhishek, 31, sporting a veil of flowers over his face and riding a white stallion, and the rest of the wedding party as they made their way to the top-secret event. The groom was serenaded on his journey to collect his bride by a band playing popular songs from his films, to the delight of the onlookers.

Fans' excitement has been mounting ever since the couple became engaged in January, ending months of speculation about their romance. So security was tight for Friday's traditional Hindu ceremony, held in one of the Bachchan family's many homes. The couple reportedly made their vows around a

sacred fire, concluding three days of colourful celebrations with guests including fellow Bollywood actors and directors, as well as politicians, cricketers and industrialists. Eleven holy men are believed to have conducted the marriage.

The ceremonies began on Wednesday, when relatives and friends joined "Abhiash", as the pair have been dubbed, for an evening of dance and song. Abhishek's parents, Indian film legend Amitabh Bachchan and his wife, actress turned politician Jaya, are said to have waltzed for the couple.

Friday's culminating celebrations were held in a huge air-conditioned marquee covered in red and pink flowers. Aishwarya, 33, the star of *Bride and Prejudice* and a L'Oréal model, wore a red and gold embroidered ensemble specially created by her long-time designer, Neeta Lulla.

As Abhishek's grandmother is ill, the newlyweds are believed to have decided not to have a honeymoon so the star can stay close to her.



The rituals surrounding the marriage had all the lavish beauty of traditional Indian nuptials – and more than a touch of Bollywood glamour thanks to the famous bride and groom. Above and below: movie hero Abhishek Bachchan rides on horseback in a colourful procession in Mumbai. Opposite page, below: a band of musicians waits at the ready to provide the soundtrack to the celebrations with songs from Abhishek's films





## MY MEMORIES

### BEST-SELLING AUTHOR **DEBORAH MOGGACH** AND HER SISTER ALEX

"My mother did as she was asked and, because she's open like me, she told lots of people about it, and somebody shopped her to the police. We obviously worried about her while she was in Sutton Valence prison in Kent, where we visited her every fortnight, but Alex and I rather admired her for the stance she took.

"We do support each other quite rigorously. When my boyfriend, [the cartoonist] Mel Calman, died suddenly, Alex just moved into my house without saying a word. All through my children's upbringing she helped me with them because of all my difficulties; there was huge unhappiness at the time of my divorce and she dropped everything to support me.

Although best-selling author Deborah (above, left) admits that she and her three sisters were all very different, she and elder sister Alex (above, right) share a closeness that once prompted her to offer to have a child for Alex, who at the time was going out with Deborah's husband's best friend and couldn't have children. Right: Deborah (on right) and Alex as youngsters

**D**eborah Moggach, 58, the best-selling author of 16 novels, including *Tulip Fever* and *These Foolish Things*, was brought up in and around London by her parents Richard, a writer, and her mother Charlotte, who wrote and illustrated children's books.

She trained as a teacher and worked in publishing before finding success as a novelist and now lives in London's Hampstead. She has two children, Tom, 30, and Lottie, 29, both of whom are journalists. Her latest novel, *In the Dark*, is published on May 3.

Deborah's sister Alex, 60, is a chartered physiotherapist. She's also standing as a Lib-Dem candidate in the local elections in Eastbourne (also on May 3), where she now lives.

#### DEBORAH'S STORY

"I'm the third of four sisters, after Sarah and Alex; and then there was Briony, 11 years younger than me, who died aged 40 in the middle of the night. She wasn't on speaking terms with us at the time, so it was all shrouded in mystery.

"We're a bookish family, but Alex was athletic and scientific rather than artistic like the rest of us. She quarrelled quite a lot with our father because she didn't try to charm him, whereas Sarah and I did.

"We were at school together up until the age of 11 and, although she could be quite aggressive, she was also terrified by this girl, Charlotte Rampling, who later became a film actress. I just had to hiss 'Rampling!' for my sister to jump behind the sofa and shiver in fear.

"As teenagers we were both pretty unconfident, but Alex was always the stronger person and not as unctuous

as me. At the same time, she's had more emotional problems in her life than I have. Apart from one episode in her life when she lived with a South American businessman in Colombia, for a long time she's lived alone.

"At one point she was going out with my husband's best friend and she wanted children and couldn't have them, and I could. So we cooked up the perfect plan: I would sleep with her boyfriend, get pregnant and – because I already had two children – give her the baby. We thought this would solve all our problems and keep it in the family.

"She then split up with this chap and we never went through with it, but I was so interested in the subject that I wrote an eight-part TV drama about it called *To Have and to Hold*, with Amanda Redman playing me and Marion Bailey playing Alex. It launched my TV career. I asked Alex what I could give her as a thank-you, and she said: 'If you're driving past a skip and you see any wood, could you collect some bits for my fireplace?' She's deliciously eccentric.

"Nearly 20 years ago our mother, who is now 84, went to prison for nine months for helping an old woman to die. The case hinged on whether this woman had taken enough pills initially to have killed herself eventually anyway.

"At the end she was in a coma for four hours; she'd asked my mother to promise that if she didn't die after taking the pills to put this bag over her head, because she didn't want to be resuscitated. She was a member of the voluntary euthanasia organisation Exit and committed to the whole procedure.



**'We cooked up the perfect plan: I would sleep with Alex's boyfriend, get pregnant and – because I already had two children – give her the baby'**

"She's become much happier recently because she's moved to Eastbourne and made some really good friends there. She's got a sort of little surrogate son – a sweet boy she adores – and she's got a cat and a garden and is highly respected in her career. But I'd love to see her with somebody.

"A lot of physios are lesbians, and she's got a lot of lesbian friends, and I always thought she should have been a lesbian herself. She says she wishes she was a lesbian, in a way, because it would have solved a lot of problems. But she just isn't."

#### ALEX'S STORY

"We weren't a demonstrative family, least of all Debbie and me, and our parents would never utter the words 'I love you'. Only with the passage of time did I begin to realise how close I felt to Debbie... but we'd never say anything lovey-dovey to each other.

"She came down to Eastbourne recently and picked me up from hospital and spent the night with me when I was feeling a bit sorry for myself. I'd had a brow-lift because my sagging eyelids were affecting my vision.

"Debbie's very kind and has always been well balanced. I was athletic. That was my self-image. It was quite important to me because it meant that while Debbie might have been easy-going, I at least had physical prowess. I think that's why I beat her up a lot.

"We were very different – she fell in love with Cliff Richard and I fell in love with Tommy Steele. We were quite tomboyish and played with Dinky cars and devoured the *Just William* books.

"I have an early memory of fighting with her and my mother getting cross. We called them 'romps', but I think on my side it was quite vicious. I was jealous of her because she came along and took my place at a time when I thought I should have had my parents all to myself.

"The jealousy went from her taking over my babyhood to her being much more popular than me; to her having boyfriends and me being quite inhibited and tentative with the opposite sex; to her then being a successful writer... it's gone on our whole life.

"It all went wrong for me when I couldn't get into medical school. I'd wanted to be a doctor since the age of five but I didn't get good enough A-levels. So the minute I left school I went off to Germany and became a nanny; I came back a year later and studied to be a physiotherapist.

"I've been a lecturer in respiratory care for 20 years, I've been physiotherapy manager at the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture and my book, *Physiotherapy in Respiratory Care*, is now in its third edition. I've done pretty well for myself, but I think what's going to last for ever is this sense of Debbie being better than me.

"I'm a great admirer of her work, and I'm hugely pleased about her success, but I've been inhibited by it. I'm really a very happy person, and I'm perfectly okay about being single.

"It isn't about jealousy any more – that would imply antagonism – but it's about somebody who glided effortlessly through life while I got into a dreadful state about things; it's about somebody who was always easy-going and would write thank-



Alex (below) admits with surprising frankness to having always been jealous of Deborah. It began when she felt usurped in their parents' affections by the arrival of her sister, and later turned into jealousy at Debbie's success – both professionally and with the opposite sex. Hearing the two women speak, it seems such frankness was the norm in a family which was "competitive and verbal"

you letters on Boxing Day while I was still chewing my pencil on my birthday in February.

"We're a very competitive, articulate, verbal family. Debbie's like our mother, very generous; I've got our father's hypersensitivity. I was married briefly when I was younger, but I've had more time not being in relationships than being in relationships, whereas Debbie's had more time being in them than not being in them.

"We're both keen for each other to be happy and fulfilled, which includes having a partner, though neither of us is in a relationship at the moment. We both have strong views on not wanting to be dependent on others.

"If she was unwell, I'd very happily devote my life to looking after her, but I'd hate her to look after me. We live very different lives, and there are bits we don't share, and yet year by year our relationship is getting stronger and closer... but she'd squirm if I said that to her!" **H**

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## How to Look Good Naked

(Tuesday, Channel 4, 8pm)

Celebrity stylist Gok Wan returns for a second series of the makeover show that aims to make women feel better about their bodies without going under the knife.

The opening episode kicks off with one-time blonde bombshell Liz, whose confidence has nosedived since having children. She's taken to wearing men's fleeces and sees baring any flesh as a complete no-no. Will the irrepressible Gok be able to get her to love her body?

Beauty journalist Dawn Porter also looks behind the fancy packaging of anticellulite creams to discover which, if any, are worth splashing out on.



## The Human Footprint

(Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm)

The debate about the impact each of us has on the planet has been hotting up for a while. Now, in a bid to show just how much humans affect the world, Channel 4 has come up with this visually startling programme.

Featuring a pair of impossibly cute kids, the one-off show

creates some eye-popping stunts and arresting art installations to demonstrate in very physical terms the reality of the average life.

These include smashing the 13,000 eggs an average Brit will eat in their life all at once, and creating sculptures out of carrots to show how many vegetables we'll eat, as well as the number of sheep we'll scoff (above). The show also recreates the classic Hovis ad with the two toddlers pushing bicycles up a cobbled hill to show how much bread we eat.

## Prince Charles: The Bachelor Years

(Saturday, Channel 4, 7pm)

After Prince William's recent split from girlfriend Kate Middleton, here's a timely repeat of this well-researched documentary about his father Prince Charles's search for love, which left a trail of broken hearts in its wake.

The story begins back in the heady days of the 1970s, when the Prince of Wales was regarded as the world's most eligible bachelor. Among the women he wooed were socialite Sabrina Guinness, Camilla Shand and Sarah Spencer – who introduced the future king to her little sister Diana.



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- 10.30 **This Morning** (T) 71268
- 12.30 **Loose Women** (T) 23607
- 1.30 **ITV News** (T) 97355
- 2.00 **Midsomer Murders** 2862
- 3.59 **London Weather** 7778775
- 4.00 **Daily Cooks** (T) 9881
- 5.00 **The Royal** (R) (T) 6959
- 6.00 **London Tonight** (T) 131626
- 6.25 **Party Election Broadcast** By the Labour Party. 827046
- 6.30 **ITV News** (T) 997
- 7.00 **Emmerdale** (T) Hari faces a financial dilemma. 7688
- 7.30 **Tales from the Country** (R) Tony Francis travels down the River Medway. 881
- 8.00 **The Bill** (T) CID investigate when a gang of youths carry out a string of daylight robberies. 3355
- 9.00 **Taggart** (R) (T) A murder by a fairground exacerbates tensions between locals and travellers. The team have to tread carefully to catch the killer – but opinions differ on how to handle the case. 6794
- 10.30 **ITV News** (T) 51065
- 11.00 **Crimefighters: Lanes, Trains and Automobiles** A person who has indulged in a little too much alcohol decides to take a walk – on the motorway. 8210
- 11.30 **Legends** (R) 54775
- 12.00 **Make Your Play** 41808534

### CHANNEL 4

- 6.00 **The Treacle People** (R) (T) 8746249
- 6.10 **The Hoobs** (R) (T) 9663442
- 7.00 **Freshly Squeezed** 90065
- 7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (R) (T) 79572
- 8.00 **Just Shoot Me** (T) 6144355
- 8.55 **Frasier** (R) (T) 9891775
- 9.50 **Will & Grace** (T) 3431046
- 10.20 **Without a Trace** 82790336
- 12.00 **News at Noon** (T) 32930
- 12.30 **3 Minute Wonder: The Hunt** (R) (T) 51344713
- 12.35 **FILM Doctor in Clover** (1966) (T) 59147959
- 2.25 **Life Begins Again** (T) 1113317
- 3.30 **Countdown** (T) 6040423
- 4.15 **Deal or No Deal** (T) 7125713
- 5.00 **The New Paul O'Grady Show** (T) 7201
- 6.00 **The Simpsons** (R) (T) 959
- 6.30 **Hollyoaks** (T) 539
- 7.00 **News** (T) 212249
- 7.55 **3 Minute Wonder: Made in India** (T) 734317
- 8.00 **A Place in the Sun** (T) Houses in the Algarve. 4978
- 8.30 **Chaos at the Chateau** (T) A conference is disrupted by muck-spreading. 6713
- 9.00 **The Human Footprint** (T) See *Highlights*, above. 68304274
- 10.35 **FILM Scream 2** (1997) With Jamie Kennedy. 91281978
- 12.45 **Beat Battles** 9937027
- 1.35 **Rockfeedback** (R) 4432718

### FIVE

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** 1849881
- 9.00 **The Wright Stuff** 1748355
- 10.30 **Trisha Goddard** (T) Talk show. 8756688
- 11.30 **five news** (T) 2439775
- 12.00 **Home and Away** (R) (T) Australian soap. 4642666
- 12.30 **HouseBusters** (T) 6147249
- 1.00 **HouseBusters** (T) 2901626
- 1.30 **Tracker** (T) 49742862
- 3.35 **five news update** 24910268
- 3.40 **FILM Buckskin** (1968) (T) Western. 6919171
- 5.30 **five news** (T) 8989510
- 6.00 **Home and Away** (T) Australian soap. 8986423
- 6.30 **Two and a Half Men** (R) (T) 8977775
- 7.00 **five news** (T) 4147355
- 7.15 **Colin and Justin's How Not to Decorate** (R) (T) With Neil and Christine Hamilton. 2914336
- 8.00 **Ann Maurice: Interior Rivalry** (T) The hopefuls pitch business ideas to estate agents. 5869046
- 9.00 **House** (T) A 42-stone patient tries to discharge himself, but Cameron finds a way to keep him in hospital to run more tests. 5872510
- 10.00 **Shark** (T) A sweatshop fire kills four women. 5882997
- 11.00 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation** (R) (T) A Sherlock Holmes fan is found dead. 2988775
- 12.00 **Football Night** 5677263
- 1.00 **Quiz Call** 2243350

## BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast** (T) 62446176  
 9.15 **Missing** (T) 9310911  
 10.00 **Homes Under the Hammer** (T) 52027  
 11.00 **To Buy or Not to Buy** 8176  
 11.30 **Car Booty** (T) 7752718  
 12.15 **Bargain Hunt** (T) 4951008  
 1.00 **BBC News** (T) 43379  
 1.30 **Regional News** 80648485  
 1.40 **Neighbours** (T) 27820398  
 2.05 **Doctors** (T) 61366843  
 2.35 **Diagnosis Murder** (R) (T) 9809896  
 3.20 **BBC News; Weather; Regional News** 5033756  
 3.25 **CBBC** 31894089  
 5.35 **Neighbours** (R) (T) 430553
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- 6.00 **BBC News** (T) 466  
 6.30 **Regional News Programmes** (T) 803466  
 6.55 **Party Election Broadcast** (R) (T) 213089  
 7.00 **A Question of Sport** (T) With Sue Barker. 3263  
 7.30 **Rogue Traders** (R) (T) 602
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- 8.00 **EastEnders** (T) 2911  
 8.30 **My Family** (T) 8718  
 9.00 **Have I Got News for You** (T) Fern Britton guest-hosts the current affairs quiz. 1640  
 9.30 **Ruddy Hell! It's Harry and Paul** (T) Sketches. 46843
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- 10.00 **BBC News** (T) 57440  
 10.30 **Regional News** (T) 350553  
 10.35 **Friday Night with Jonathan Ross** (T) 250824  
 11.35 **FILM Timecop** (1994) (T) Sci-fi adventure. 307602  
 1.15 **BBC News 24** 15481515

## BBC2

- 6.00 **CBeebies** 37843  
 7.00 **CBBC** 92379  
 8.30 **CBeebies** 77640  
 10.30 **Schools** 46447  
 12.00 **The Daily Politics** 83883  
 12.30 **Working Lunch** 82350  
 1.30 **Snooker: The World Championship** (T) 4238911  
 5.55 **Party Election Broadcast** (T) 456447
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- 6.00 **Eggheads** (T) 468  
 6.30 **Great British Menu** (T) Richard Corrigan and Noel McMeel compete. 260  
 7.00 **Snooker: The World Championship** (T) From the Crucible Theatre. 1805  
 7.30 **Christine's Garden** (T) September arrives in the garden. Last in series. 244
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- 8.00 **Gardeners' World** (T) A nostalgic look back at previous presenters. 7176  
 9.00 **Timewatch - The Hidden Children** (T) Children who evaded concentration camps. 327094  
 9.50 **Deer in the City** (R) (T) Two roe deer residing in a Scottish cemetery. 954422
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- 10.00 **QI** (R) (T) With John Sessions and David Mitchell. 57422  
 10.30 **Newsnight** (T) 87602  
 11.00 **Newsnight Review** (T) 651824  
 11.35 **Snooker: The World Championship** (T) 937295  
 12.25 **Snooker Extra** (T) 707515

## ITV1

- 6.00 **GMTV** (T) 1241737  
 9.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show** (T) Talk show. 9378485  
 10.30 **This Morning** (T) 29805  
 12.30 **Loose Women** (T) 86176  
 1.30 **ITV News** (T) 27718  
 2.00 **Midsomer Murders** (R) (T) Barnaby investigates a murder in a garden. 3737  
 3.59 **London Weather** 7745447  
 4.00 **Daily Cooks** (T) 7824  
 5.00 **The Royal** (R) (T) The staff at the Royal persuade a devout Catholic mother to be sterilised. 7602
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- 6.00 **London Tonight** 732379  
 6.25 **Party Election Broadcast** (T) 811485  
 6.30 **ITV News** (T) 114  
 7.00 **Emmerdale** (T) Rosemary blackmails Hari. 8331  
 7.30 **Coronation Street** (T) Carla's business plans are thwarted and Jack's housework efforts result in a nasty fall for Vera. 398
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- 8.00 **Death of the British Seaside? Tonight** (T) The decline of northern resort towns. 4379  
 8.30 **Midsomer Murders** (T) A business executive is murdered. 53737
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- 10.30 **ITV News** (T) 14756  
 11.00 **Wags' Boutique: The Final Score** (T) The teams face their final challenge. Last in series. 15843  
 12.30 **Make Your Play** 61355916

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.05 **Making It** (R) 4925534  
 6.10 **The Hoobs** (R) (T) 9630114  
 7.00 **Freshly Squeezed** 37718  
 7.30 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (R) (T) 49553  
 8.00 **Just Shoot Me** (T) 6111027  
 8.55 **Frasier** (R) (T) 9868447  
 9.50 **Will & Grace** (T) 4882447  
 10.15 **Without a Trace** 26879089  
 12.00 **News at Noon** (T) 95621  
 12.30 **Room for Improvement** (R) 26089  
 1.00 **Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park** (T) 66843  
 2.30 **Life Begins Again** 74553  
 3.30 **Countdown** (T) 6017195  
 4.15 **Deal or No Deal** 7192485  
 5.00 **The New Paul O'Grady Show** (T) 5244
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- 6.00 **The Simpsons** (R) (T) 176  
 6.30 **Hollyoaks** (T) 756  
 7.00 **News** (T) 972911  
 7.35 **Unreported World** (T) 727992
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- 8.00 **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** (T) 2244  
 9.00 **Ugly Betty** (T) 2008
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- 10.00 **Derren Brown: Trick or Treat** (T) 96350  
 10.30 **Peep Show** (T) 217244  
 11.05 **Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights** (R) (T) 645263  
 11.40 **4Music: Transmission** Music by Mika. 110737  
 12.45 **The Music Academy Melbourne** (R) (T) 77751  
 1.15 **The JD Set Presents: Cold War Kids** 3454515  
 1.30 **Goalissimo** 2570549

## FIVE

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** 1816553  
 9.00 **The Wright Stuff** 1715027  
 10.30 **Trisha Goddard** 8716060  
 11.30 **five news** (T) 2406447  
 12.00 **Home and Away** (R) (T) 8947878  
 12.30 **HouseBusters** (T) 6107621  
 1.00 **HouseBusters** (T) 2978398  
 1.30 **Russell Grant's Postcards** (R) (T) 82673466  
 1.35 **FILM Seasons of the Heart** (1994) (T) TV movie drama. 63039553  
 3.35 **five news update** 24970640  
 3.40 **FILM Danielle Steel's No Greater Love** (1996) (T) Period drama. 6986843  
 5.30 **five news** (T) 8956282
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- 6.00 **Home and Away** (T) Australian soap. 8953195  
 6.30 **Two and a Half Men** (R) (T) 8944447  
 7.00 **five news** (T) 4717089  
 7.30 **Mean Machines** (T) The technology used in tree-felling. 8933331
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- 8.00 **Super Cats** (T) How big cats live and hunt. 5836718  
 9.00 **NCIS** (T) The team suspects a marine has faked his own death. 5849282
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- 10.00 **Law & Order: Criminal Intent** (T) Crime drama. 5859669  
 11.00 **Raised by the Hand of God: Hidden Lives** (R) (T) 2955447  
 12.00 **Prison Break** (T) 5644935  
 1.00 **Quiz Call** 68880041

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## BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast** (T) 6042916  
 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen** 81041  
 11.30 **Great British Menu** (R) (T) 4138  
 12.00 **BBC News** (T) 8023003  
 12.10 **Football Focus** 2391515  
 1.00 **Snooker: The World Championship** (T) 5179577  
 4.30 **Final Score** (T) 9313848  
 5.15 **BBC News; Regional News** (T) 7377751  
 5.35 **Just for Laughs** 171190
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- 6.05 **The National Lottery People's Quiz** (T) 315515  
 6.45 **Doctor Who** (T) 997393  
 7.30 **Any Dream Will Do** (T) The remaining ten contestants perform. 392886
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- 8.35 **Casualty** (T) 418206  
 9.25 **The National Lottery People's Quiz** (T) 261954  
 9.45 **Any Dream Will Do** (T) Graham Norton returns to reveal who will be the third contestant to leave the competition. 391041
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- 10.15 **BBC News; (T) National Lottery Update** 744652  
 10.30 **Match of the Day** (T) Football highlights. 5091916  
 11.50 **Cricket World Cup** (T) Highlights of the tournament's final. 764664  
 12.50 **Friday Night with Jonathan Ross** (R) (T) 7109436  
 1.55 **Sign Zone: The Hairy Bikers Ride Again** (R) (T) 6185894

## BBC2

- 6.00 **CBeebies** 67206  
 7.00 **CBBC** 3257461  
 12.00 **See Hear** (T); **Coast** (T) 7231848  
 12.35 **FILM The Magnificent Showman** (1964) (T) Drama, with John Wayne. 77112428  
 2.50 **FILM Riddle of the Sands** (1978) (T) Period spy thriller, with Simon MacCorkindale. 79537770  
 4.30 **Superstorm** (R) (T) 57041  
 5.30 **Snooker: The World Championship** (T) Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the latest matches in the second round. 946848
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- 8.30 **Porridge** (R) (T) Fletcher objects to having a third cellmate foisted on him. 4393  
 9.00 **The Return of 'Allo 'Allo** (T) Documentary featuring a new episode, interspersed with a look at the history of the hit 1980s sitcom. *See interview, p112.* 75950886
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- 10.45 **'Allo 'Allo!** (R) (T) Maria and *The Fallen Madonna* are taken hostage. With Gordon Kaye. 240374  
 11.20 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** (T) Satire in quiz-show format. 669645  
 12.00 **The Apprentice** (R) (T) 76233  
 1.00 **Snooker: The World Championship** (T) 2528271  
 1.50 **Snooker Extra** (T) 543287

## ITV1

- 6.00 **GMTV** 1218409  
 9.25 **CITV** 65561225  
 12.00 **Saturday Cooks!** (T) 51645  
 1.30 **ITV News** (T) 37458428  
 1.35 **London Today** (T) 37457799  
 1.40 **American Idol** (T) 6135312  
 2.40 **The Planet's Funniest Animals** (T) 5028848  
 3.00 **FILM Smokey and the Bandit II** (1980) (T) Road comedy, starring Burt Reynolds. 70507138  
 4.55 **London Tonight** 5322577  
 5.10 **ITV News and Sport** (T) 1809521  
 5.25 **You've Been Framed!** (R) (T) 3249041
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- 6.25 **Vernon Kay's Gameshow Marathon** (T) *The Golden Shot*, with Jamelia. 9115461  
 7.30 **Grease Is the Word: Live** (T) The first of the knockout studio rounds. 80480
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- 9.00 **Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?** (T) Quiz. More contestants face Chris Tarrant's questions. 2409
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- 10.00 **Grease Is the Word Results** (T) 51409  
 10.30 **The Dame Edna Treatment** (T) Shane Warne, Alan Alda and Sophie Ellis-Bextor guest. Last in series. 31003  
 11.30 **ITV News** (T) 587732  
 11.45 **FILM Hope Floats** (1998) (T) Drama. 37393409  
 1.50 **Make Your Play** 467813

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 **The Hoobs** (R) (T) 1399916  
 6.35 **The Hoobs** (R) (T) 9148515  
 7.00 **Goalissimo** (R) (T) 53770  
 8.00 **The Morning Line** 6188799  
 8.55 **T4: Nothing But Natasha Bedingfield** (T) 4477664  
 9.25 **T4: Musicoool** (T) 9343799  
 10.30 **T4: Popworld** (T) 9837428  
 11.20 **T4: Friends** (T) 1473312  
 11.50 **T4: Natasha Bedingfield: T4 Special** (T) 8472409  
 12.25 **T4: Shipwrecked 2007: The Hutcam Diaries** 2887732  
 12.55 **T4: Shipwrecked 2007: Battle of the Islands** (R) (T) 6935848  
 2.00 **Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park and Ripon** (T) 57940664  
 4.10 **Location, Location, Location** (R) (T) 6998041  
 4.45 **Deal or No Deal Classic** (R) 5441683  
 5.35 **Monarchy by David Starkey** (R) (T) 362138
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- 6.35 **News** (T) 832770  
 7.00 **Prince Charles: The Bachelor Years** (T) *See Highlights, p102.* 4867
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- 8.00 **Face of Britain** (T) 3515  
 9.00 **FILM Phone Booth** (2002) (T) A man answers a public telephone only to become a sniper's target. Tense thriller, with Colin Farrell. 2652
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- 10.30 **FILM The Firm** (1993) (T) With Tom Cruise. 78141119  
 1.20 **4Music Presents: Lostprophets** (T) 1271504  
 1.50 **Rockfeedback** (R) 6188981

## FIVE

- 6.00 **Sunrise** 2417799  
 6.55 **Milkshake!** 32471409  
 10.00 **World's Strongest Man** (R) (T) 2914190  
 11.00 **Making of the World's Strongest Man** (R) (T) 2934954  
 12.00 **FILM Whispering Smith** (1948) (T) Western, with Alan Ladd. 7048190  
 1.40 **FILM Six Black Horses** (1962) (T) Drama, with Audie Murphy. 33036916  
 3.10 **FILM Columbo: Double Shock** (1973) (T) Drama, with Peter Falk. 59644393  
 4.45 **FILM Born to Be Wild** (1995) (T) Adventure, with Wil Horneff. 24955729
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- 6.35 **FILM Blind Date** (1987) (T) Romantic comedy, with Bruce Willis and Kim Basinger. 45547225
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- 8.10 **five news and sport** (T) 8360157  
 8.30 **NCIS** (R) (T) Crime drama set among the armed forces. DiNozzo goes undercover to help a prisoner escape. 3526916  
 9.25 **CSI: NY** (T) Mac and Stella look into the death of an estate agent. 9795751
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- 10.25 **Law & Order** (T) A drug dealer is murdered. 4421374  
 11.25 **Grey's Anatomy** (R) (T) Medical drama. 1025867  
 12.25 **Grey's Anatomy** (R) (T) 8425900  
 1.25 **Quiz Call** 52930320

## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast (T) 63724417  
 7.35 Match of the Day 9394097  
 9.00 Sunday AM (T) 61788  
 10.00 Heaven & Earth with Gloria Hunniford 78287  
 11.00 Countryfile (T) 85523  
 12.00 The Politics Show 58078  
 1.00 Keeping Up Appearances (R) (T) 96639  
 1.30 'Allo 'Allo! (R) (T) 61542  
 2.00 Diagnosis Murder (R) (T) 3615726  
 2.45 Cash in the Attic 549813  
 3.15 EastEnders (T) 70404097  
 5.10 Points of View 8453405  
 5.25 Songs of Praise 2111542
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- 6.00 Castaway (T) Danny introduces a new face to the islanders. 372726  
 6.35 Antiques Roadshow (T) 704436  
 7.35 BBC News; Regional News (T) 701558
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- 8.00 Victoria's Empire (T) New series. Victoria Wood explores the legacy of British rule abroad. 2610  
 9.00 Superstorm (T) The hurricane threatens New York. Last in series. 9146
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- 10.00 BBC News (T) 984900  
 10.15 BBC1 Sessions: Yusuf Islam (T) 336707  
 11.05 3lbs (T) 530981  
 11.45 **FILM** Simply Irresistible (1999) (T) Romantic comedy. 657368  
 1.20 Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow (R) (T) 6650479

## BBC2

- 6.00 CBeebies 59455  
 7.00 CBBC 876962  
 10.00 Something for the Weekend (T) 17078  
 11.30 **FILM** The Black Rose (1950) (T) Tyrone Power swashbuckler. 53894  
 1.30 Rugby Union (T) 27786900  
 1.55 Live Gymnastics (T) The European Individual Championships. 7534097  
 3.00 Snooker: The World Championship (T) 394523  
 5.30 Big Cat Diary Family Histories (T) Documentary following a family of African leopards in their natural habitat. 829
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- 6.00 Snow Geese: The Desert Storm (R) (T) 345225  
 6.10 Natural World (T) The Japanese hornet. 663455  
 7.00 Snooker: The World Championship (T) Second-round coverage. 899788
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- 10.00 The Science of Superstorms A look at the future of weather modification. 14146  
 10.30 Match of the Day 2 (T) Highlights of Arsenal v Fulham. 852455  
 11.15 Graham Norton Uncut (T) Extended version, with Dustin Hoffman. 255788  
 12.00 Roman's Empire (R) (T) Comedy. 35585  
 12.30 Snooker: The World Championship 9845092  
 1.20 Snooker Extra (T) 4207276

## ITV1

- 6.00 GMTV (T) 1105981  
 9.25 CITV 9312829  
 10.30 The Championship (T) The penultimate weekend of the season. 11252  
 11.30 The Sunday Edition (T) 35233  
 12.30 London Today 51357287  
 12.35 American Idol Gives Back (T) 73743097  
 2.35 British Superbike Championship 1043504  
 4.05 Grease Is the Word: Live (R) (T) 8913707  
 5.35 Grease Is the Word Results (R) (T) 136829
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- 6.05 The Way We Were (T) New series. Childhood memories from the 1930s. 602788  
 6.30 London Tonight 583829  
 6.45 ITV News (T) 493252  
 7.00 Emmerdale (T) 5097  
 7.30 Coronation Street (T) Michelle learns the truth about her family's past. 504
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- 8.00 The Royal (T) 1960s-set medical drama. A mum-to-be is harassed. 4078  
 9.00 Kingdom (T) 7542
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- 10.00 ITV News (T) 986368  
 10.15 This Is David Gest Documentary following the TV producer. 415788  
 11.00 The South Bank Show (T) With Bob Hoskins. 413523  
 12.05 The Moral of the Story (T) 8660030  
 12.30 Faith and Music 9849818  
 1.20 Glitterball 39357059

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs (T) 1293788  
 6.35 The Hoobs (T) 9115287  
 7.00 Transworld Sport 3637146  
 7.55 Five Oceans Ultimate Solo Challenge 7081707  
 8.20 New Shoots: Films from Disabled Directors (T) 4523813  
 8.50 T4: Friends (T) 4372165  
 9.20 T4: Hollyoaks 79521320  
 11.50 T4: Shipwrecked 2007: The Hutcam Diaries 5337469  
 12.20 T4: Musicool (T) 9989207  
 1.25 T4: TBA: Amy Winehouse (T) 18744146  
 1.55 T4: Pussycat Dolls Present: The Search for the Next Doll (T) 4479504  
 2.55 T4: The OC (T) 7950455  
 3.55 T4: Ugly Betty (T) 4107436  
 4.55 Deal or No Deal 9212165  
 5.40 Scrapheap Challenge With Robert Llewellyn. 880900
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- 6.40 Shipwrecked 2007: Battle of the Islands (T) 796417  
 7.40 News (T) 507578
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- 8.00 Wife Swap (T) 5320  
 9.00 Fat Man's Warning (T) Highlighting the dangers of obesity. 5184
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- 10.00 **FILM** Shaft (2000) (T) Remake of the thriller, with Samuel L Jackson. 796815  
 11.50 4Music: TBA: Amy Winehouse 325146  
 12.40 4Music: The JD Set Presents: Birthday (R) (T) 9869672  
 1.30 Six Shooter (R) (T) 97924  
 2.00 Erotomania (R) (T) 85450

## FIVE

- 6.00 Milkshake! 3389271  
 10.00 Property Developing Abroad (R) (T) 2818962  
 11.00 Build a New Life in the Country (R) (T) 2838726  
 12.00 Holiday House Guest (R) (T) 6080900
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- 1.00 **FILM** Frenchie (1950) (T) Western. 7816610  
 2.30 **FILM** Zeppelin (1971) (T) With Michael York. 8577504  
 4.30 five news and sport 88310487  
 4.50 **FILM** Dr Dolittle 2 (2001) (T) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. 30277558
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- 6.20 Everybody Hates Chris (T) 8259875  
 6.45 Everybody Hates Chris (T) 8234436  
 7.10 Joey (T) 4724233  
 7.35 Joey (T) 8790720
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- 8.00 Grey's Anatomy (T) Meredith learns a secret about her father. 5790962  
 9.00 Grey's Anatomy (T) Burke feels the pressure when he treats his idol. 5710726
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- 10.00 **FILM** Thelma & Louise (1991) (T) Friends head for a weekend of freedom on the open road – until an encounter with a would-be rapist ends with them on the run. With Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis. 7934813  
 12.30 Great Bupa Run: Ireland 4224059  
 1.05 Major League Baseball 74273585

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## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast (T) 62377092  
 9.15 Found (T) 9258127  
 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (T) 13740  
 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy (R) (T) 8189  
 11.30 Car Booty (T) 7683634  
 12.15 Bargain Hunt (T) 4882924  
 1.00 BBC News (T) 99932  
 1.30 Regional News 80579301  
 1.40 Neighbours (T) 27751214  
 2.05 Doctors (T) 61204059  
 2.35 Diagnosis Murder (R) (T) 6703672  
 3.20 BBC News; Weather; Regional News 5964672  
 3.25 CBBC 31725905  
 5.35 Neighbours (R) (T) 331634
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- 6.00 BBC News (T) 189  
 6.30 Regional News Programmes (T) 728127  
 6.55 Party Election Broadcast (R) (T) 121450  
 7.00 Victoria's Empire (R) (T) 6837
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- 8.00 EastEnders (T) Bradley makes a decision about his relationship. 9450  
 8.30 Panorama (T) 8585  
 9.00 New Tricks (T) Crime drama. 5721
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- 10.00 BBC News (T) 88943  
 10.30 Regional News (T) 251634  
 10.35 Not Going Out (T) 319301  
 11.05 Inside Sport (T) 551276  
 11.45 **FILM** DOA (1988) (T) Nail-biting thriller. 220905  
 1.25 Sign Zone: Ms Dynamite: In Search of Nanny Maroon (R) (T) 3057401

## BBC2

- 6.00 CBeebies 96108  
 7.00 CBBC 60382  
 8.30 CBeebies 90769  
 10.30 Schools 38030  
 12.00 The Daily Politics 85856  
 12.30 Working Lunch (T) 16214  
 1.00 Schools 99914  
 1.30 Snooker: The World Championship (T) 4176127  
 5.55 Party Election Broadcast (T) 371108
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- 6.00 Eggheads (T) Quiz show, hosted by Dermot Murnaghan. 289  
 6.30 Great British Menu (T) Atul Kochhar takes on Stuart Gillies in the South East heat. 951  
 7.00 Snooker: The World Championship (T) Further live coverage from the second round. 23127
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- 9.00 The Contenders: Million Dollar Pigeon (T) Morgan Matthews investigates the profitable world of pigeon racing, and heads to South Africa. 3363
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- 10.00 Ruddy Hell! It's Harry and Paul (R) (T) Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse showcase new characters including the Barbican man. 86585  
 10.30 Newsnight (T) 432382  
 11.20 Snooker: The World Championship (T) 280276  
 12.10 Snooker Extra (T) 948246  
 2.00 BBC Learning Zone (T) 4795130

## ITV1

- 6.00 GMTV (T) 1172653  
 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) Talk show. 9209301  
 10.30 This Morning (T) 95450  
 12.30 Loose Women (T) 85059  
 1.30 ITV News (T) 34081  
 2.00 Midsomer Murders (R) (T) 97214  
 3.00 Half Ton Hospital with Jeremy Kyle (T) 1030  
 3.59 London Weather 7676363  
 4.00 Daily Cooks (T) 7837  
 5.00 The Royal (R) (T) 4769
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- 6.00 London Tonight 640740  
 6.25 Party Election Broadcast (T) 703818  
 6.30 ITV News (T) 837  
 7.00 Emmerdale (T) Hari gets on the wrong side of Rosemary. 5498  
 7.30 Coronation Street (T) Michelle decides to tell Ryan about Dean's death. 721
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- 8.00 Road to Ruin: Tonight (T) The state of Britain's roads. 1818  
 8.30 Coronation Street (T) Michelle and Steve have a heart to heart. 3653  
 9.00 Taggart (T) A local activist is found murdered in her tenement flat. 7450
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- 10.30 ITV News (T) 99059  
 11.00 **FILM** Total Recall (1990) (T) Sci-fi adventure, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sharon Stone. 86818  
 1.00 Champions League Weekly (T) 16739  
 1.30 Glitterball 22520062

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs (T) 1253160  
 6.35 The Hoobs (T) 9019059  
 7.00 Freshly Squeezed 38059  
 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (T) 5730856  
 7.55 Just Shoot Me 5715547  
 8.25 Just Shoot Me 4599856  
 8.55 Frasier (R) (T) 3167943  
 9.20 Frasier (R) (T) 4233363  
 9.50 Will & Grace (T) 4713363  
 10.15 Without a Trace 8137382  
 11.10 Without a Trace 7206450  
 12.00 News at Noon (T) 70924  
 12.30 Small Railway Journeys (R) 77813011  
 12.45 Water Stories 51238108  
 12.55 Life Begins Again 2967382  
 1.55 **FILM** Ministry of Fear (1945) (T) Graham Greene thriller. 67876856  
 3.30 Countdown (T) 6948011  
 4.15 Deal or No Deal 7023301  
 5.00 The New Paul O'Grady Show (T) 5011
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- 6.00 The Simpsons (R) (T) 127  
 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) 479  
 7.00 News (T) 143363  
 7.55 3 Minute Wonder: Watch This Space (T) 618721
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- 8.00 Dispatches: The Indian Miracle? (T) 8295  
 9.00 Cutting Edge: Blind Young Things (T) Life at the Royal National College for the Blind. 8059
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- 10.00 ER (T) 1572160  
 11.05 The Sopranos (T) 238363  
 12.15 Sex and the City 7510555  
 12.50 Sex and the City 7275536  
 1.20 Six Feet Under (R) 3081468

## FIVE

- 6.00 Milkshake! 1754769  
 9.00 The Wright Stuff 1646943  
 10.30 Trisha Goddard 8654276  
 11.30 five news (T) 2337363  
 12.00 Home and Away (R) (T) 9391914  
 12.30 HouseBusters 6045837  
 1.00 HouseBusters 2809214  
 1.30 Russell Grant's Postcards (R) (T) 82504382
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- 1.35 **FILM** Kojak: The Belarus File (1985) TV spin-off crime thriller. 63977769  
 3.35 five news update 24818856  
 3.40 **FILM** Mystery Woman: Game Time (2005) TV movie. 6824059  
 5.30 five news (T) 8894498
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- 6.00 Home and Away (T) Australian soap. 8884011  
 6.30 Two and a Half Men (R) (T) 8875363  
 7.00 five news (T) 4045943  
 7.15 Rich Boys' Toys Owning a jet fighter. 2812924
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- 8.00 Fifth Gear (T) New series of the cars show. 5767634  
 9.00 Short Angry Men: Hidden Lives (T) People whose stature has affected their lives. 5787498
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- 10.00 Prison Break (T) Michael, Lincoln, Kellerman and Sara head for Chicago. 5780585  
 11.00 **FILM** Get Shorty (1995) (T) Comedy, starring John Travolta, Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito. 9228450  
 12.55 NASCAR 1503866  
 1.45 US Tour Golf 5488975

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## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast (T) 67419159  
 9.15 Found (T) 5729401  
 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (T) 33772  
 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy (R) (T) 5449  
 11.30 Car Booty (T) 5020826  
 12.15 Bargain Hunt (T) 6964248  
 1.00 BBC News (T) 57352  
 1.30 Regional News 17298159  
 1.40 Neighbours (T) 92794246  
 2.05 Doctors (T) 31838791  
 2.35 Diagnosis Murder (R) (T) 5879081  
 3.20 BBC News: Weather; Regional News 9711284  
 3.25 CBBC 73323420  
 5.35 Neighbours (R) (T) 251246  
 6.00 BBC News (T) 65  
 6.30 Regional News Programmes (T) 600371  
 6.55 Party Election Broadcast (R) (T) 292536  
 7.00 Castaway (T) 8456  
 7.30 EastEnders (T) 71  
 8.00 Holby City (T) Medical soap. Lola goes into theatre. 7915  
 9.00 Crimewatch (T) 7771  
 10.00 BBC News (T) 22655  
 10.30 Regional News (T) 195826  
 10.35 Crimewatch Update (T) 806420  
 10.45 One Life (T) People who believe they are reincarnated celebrities. 790265  
 11.30 **RED** Dead Poets Society (1989) (T) Drama, with Robin Williams. 4399825  
 1.40 Sign Zone: See Hear (T) 2550482

## BBC2

- 6.00 CBeebies 16130  
 7.00 CBBC 13842  
 8.30 CBeebies 12159  
 10.30 Schools 1099994  
 11.10 Churchill's Bodyguard (R) (T) 9658352  
 12.00 The Daily Politics 29468  
 12.30 Working Lunch 43538  
 1.00 Schools 55994  
 1.30 Snooker: The World Championship 8666371  
 5.55 Party Election Broadcast (T) 615178  
 6.00 Eggheads (T) Game show winners unite to face new challengers from round the country. 97  
 6.30 Great British Menu (T) The chefs in the South East heat prepare their fish course. 58  
 7.00 Snooker: The World Championship (T) 43159  
 9.00 Horizon: The Six Billion Dollar Experiment (T) How and why the Large Hadron Collider under the Franco-Swiss border – essentially an attempt to recreate the Big Bang – was built. 290449  
 9.50 This World: The Fight for Cuba's Music (T) The legal battle for publishing rights to Cuban songs. 295975  
 10.30 Nowanight (T) 369294  
 11.20 Snooker: The World Championship (T) 117178  
 12.10 Snooker Extra (T) 986208  
 2.00 BBC Learning Zone (T) 4762802

## ITV1

- 6.00 GMTV (T) 6651826  
 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) Talk show. 1642081  
 10.30 This Morning (T) 20536  
 12.30 Loose Women (T) 81623  
 1.30 ITV News (T) 39333  
 2.00 Midsomer Murders (R) (T) 17248  
 3.00 Half Ton Hospital with Jeremy Kyle (T) 5062  
 3.59 London Weather 3845555  
 4.00 Daily Cooks (T) 4197  
 5.00 The Royal (R) (T) Medical drama. 4875  
 6.00 London Tonight 998642  
 6.25 Party Election Broadcast (T) 685082  
 6.30 ITV News (T) 3  
 7.00 Emmerdale (T) A mistake on Dawn's headstone places a strain on Bob's finances, while Laurel learns her mother is in a coma. 5894  
 7.30 Live us4 Champions League (T) Liverpool v Chelsea. The make-or-break second leg of the semi-final. Live from Anfield. 960604  
 10.00 Traffic Warden – Confessions (T) A look at those who work in one of Britain's most unpopular professions; along with advice on how to avoid the wrath of the overzealous warden. 17623  
 10.30 ITV News (T) 26371  
 11.00 Real Crime: A Deadly Secret (T) 509710  
 12.05 Glitterball 97950918

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs (T) 8731791  
 6.35 The Hoobs (T) 9766401  
 7.00 Freshly Squeezed 1786888  
 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (T) 1789975  
 7.55 Just Shoot Me 4181130  
 8.25 Just Shoot Me 1902371  
 8.55 Frasier (R) (T) 2196942  
 9.20 Frasier (R) (T) 2589431  
 9.50 Will & Grace (T) 6194517  
 10.20 Without a Trace 9024265  
 11.10 Without a Trace 960420  
 12.00 News at Noon (T) 14536  
 12.30 Small Railway Journeys (R) 41375975  
 12.45 Life Begins Again 260178  
 1.45 **RED** San Demetrio London (1943) Wartime maritime drama. 63552826  
 3.30 Countdown (T) 4827265  
 4.15 Deal or No Deal 2951130  
 5.00 The New Paul O'Grady Show (T) 2517  
 6.00 The Simpsons (R) (T) 75  
 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) 5  
 7.00 News (T) 777915  
 7.55 3 Minute Wonder: Watch This Space (T) 518371  
 8.00 How to Look Good Naked (T) New series. See Highlights. p702. 3975  
 9.00 Jamestown: America's Birthplace: A Time Team Special (T) 3739  
 10.00 Animal Addicts 4346371  
 11.05 Get Your Act Together with Harvey Goldsmith (T) Last in series. 506623  
 12.10 Poker Nations Cup 8111734  
 1.10 KOTV Classics 1873376

## FIVE

- 6.00 Milkshake! 2158710  
 9.00 The Wright Stuff 6514710  
 10.30 Trisha Goddard 4758604  
 11.30 five news (T) 9291178  
 12.00 Home and Away (R) (T) 4974062  
 12.30 Britain's Worst Builder (R) (T) 4752420  
 1.30 Russell Grant's Postcards (R) (T) 91096642  
 1.35 **RED** A Mother's Gift (1995) (T) TV movie. Western. 28307555  
 3.35 five news update 51601604  
 3.40 **RED** Sacrifices of the Heart (2007) 3028352  
 5.30 five news (T) 4653468  
 6.00 Home and Away (T) Australian soap. 4843081  
 6.30 Two and a Half Men (R) (T) 4634333  
 7.00 five news (T) 4067081  
 7.15 Big Ideas That Changed the World (T) The history of nationalism. 9182623  
 8.00 Angels & Demons: The True Story (R) (T) A closer look at Dan Brown's second novel. 8318541  
 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (T) Crime drama. 8211997  
 10.00 CSI: Miami (T) 5061474  
 11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (T) 2210975  
 12.00 Arrest and Trial (R) (T) 7457043  
 12.30 Arrest and Trial (R) (T) 6698463  
 12.55 NBA Basketball 41798005

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## BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast (T) 67479531  
 9.15 Found (T) 5796173  
 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (T) 97192  
 11.00 To Buy or Not to Buy (R) (T) 4111  
 11.30 Car Booty (T) 5097588  
 12.15 Bargain Hunt (R) 6931918  
 1.00 BBC News (T) 88444  
 1.30 Regional News 17258531  
 1.40 Neighbours (T) 92781918  
 2.05 Doctors (T) 31805463  
 2.35 Diagnosis Murder (R) (T) 5846753  
 3.20 BBC News: Weather; Regional News 9788956  
 3.25 CBBC 73390192  
 5.35 Neighbours (R) (T) 208599  
 6.00 BBC News (T) 11  
 6.30 Regional News Programmes (T) 63  
 7.00 Demolition (T) 6598  
 7.30 The Green Green Grass (R) (T) With John Chills. 47  
 8.00 Watchdog (T) 2918  
 8.30 Car Wars (T) 4753  
 9.00 The Apprentice (T) 8043  
 10.00 BBC News (T) 62395  
 10.30 Regional News (T) 126598  
 10.35 The National Lottery Draws (T) 837192  
 10.45 My Small Breasts and I (T) Documentary. National Lottery Update 902579  
 11.45 **RED** Coma (1978) (T) Medical thriller, starring Michael Douglas. 475482  
 1.40 Sign Zone: The Gardener's Year 2527154

## BBC2

- 6.00 CBeebies 63290  
 7.00 CBBC 44734  
 8.30 CBeebies 34937  
 11.30 The Daily Politics 38753  
 1.00 Garden Invaders (R) (T) A garden in Litchfield. 19314  
 1.30 Working Lunch (T) 99937  
 2.00 Snooker: The World Championship 3762111  
 6.00 Eggheads (T) Quiz show, hosted by Dermot Murnaghan. 53  
 6.30 Great British Menu (T) Stuart Gillies and Atul Kochhar prepare their main courses. 55  
 7.00 Snooker: The World Championship (T) The last session of the quarter-finals. 74109  
 9.00 Natural World (T) Scientists and conservationists working to safeguard the islands of Hawaii against the effects of modern living. 867531  
 9.50 Shearwater Island (T) The nocturnal birds inhabiting Bardsey Island. 877937  
 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired! (T) With chef Jean-Christophe Novelli and Head editor Mark Firth. 60937  
 10.30 Newsnight (T) 390958  
 11.20 Snooker: The World Championship (T) 131550  
 12.10 Snooker Extra (T) 906680  
 2.00 BBC Learning Zone (T) 4739574

## ITV1

- 6.00 GMTV (T) 6628698  
 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) Talk show. 1619753  
 10.30 This Morning (T) 88550  
 12.30 Loose Women (T) 45821  
 1.30 ITV News (T) 86483  
 2.00 Midsomer Murders (R) (T) 71666  
 3.00 Half Ton Hospital with Jeremy Kyle (T) 1024  
 3.59 London Weather 3812227  
 4.00 Daily Cooks (T) 3901  
 5.00 The Royal (R) (T) 5127  
 6.00 London Tonight (T) 79  
 6.30 ITV News (T) 31  
 7.00 Emmerdale (T) Bob cracks under the strain of his money worries and runs away from the christening. 1666  
 7.30 Coronation Street (T) Ken threatens to walk out on Delirious. 43  
 8.00 The Bill (T) Unlucky in love once more, Mickey thumps Heaton for sleeping with Mia and starts packing his bags. 7537  
 9.00 City Lights (T) Comedy drama. The boys are kidnapped by Sweeney's henchmen. 3111  
 10.00 Get a Grip (T) Topical comedy. Ben Elton and Alexa Chung turn their attention to bullying. 57463  
 10.30 ITV News (T) 66111  
 11.00 Weddings from Hell (R) (T) 90289  
 12.00 Glitterball 95544135

## CHANNEL 4

- 6.10 The Hoobs (T) 8708463  
 6.35 The Hoobs (T) 9733173  
 7.00 Freshly Squeezed 1746260  
 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (T) 1756647  
 7.55 Just Shoot Me 4158980  
 8.25 Just Shoot Me 1979043  
 8.55 Frasier (R) (T) 2564482  
 9.25 Frasier (R) (T) 2554444  
 9.55 Will & Grace (R) 2542688  
 10.20 Without a Trace 6091937  
 11.10 Without a Trace 9617192  
 12.00 News at Noon (T) 54378  
 12.30 The Grand: Checking into History (R) 5683956  
 12.50 Life Begins Again 3420034  
 1.50 **RED** Blowing Wild (1953) (T) Drama. 47408918  
 3.30 Countdown (T) 4894937  
 4.15 Deal or No Deal 2928802  
 5.00 The New Paul O'Grady Show (T) 8579  
 6.00 The Simpsons (R) (T) 21  
 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) 73  
 7.00 News (T) 911717  
 7.55 3 Minute Wonder: Watch This Space (T) 567647  
 8.00 Property Ladder (T) 8260  
 9.00 Grand Designs (T) A house made from straw bales and oak. 1753  
 10.00 Desperate Housewives (T) Gabrielle and Victor are blackmailed. 4313043  
 11.05 World of Compulsive Hoarders (T) 544685  
 12.10 Peep Show (T) 5814845  
 12.40 Balls of Steel (T) 4432203  
 1.25 The War at Home 5784883  
 1.50 The Osbournes 4241593

## FIVE

- 6.00 Milkshake! 2126482  
 9.00 The Wright Stuff 6581482  
 10.30 Trisha Goddard 4726376  
 11.30 five news (T) 9251550  
 12.00 Home and Away (R) (T) 4941734  
 12.30 Britain's Worst Chef (R) (T) 4729192  
 1.30 Russell Grant's Postcards (R) (T) 91063314  
 1.35 **RED** LA Law: The Movie (2002) (T) Feature-length reunion, with Richard Dysart. 86736647  
 3.25 five news update 1069111  
 3.30 **RED** Colombo: Undercover (1994) (T) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. 8199821  
 5.30 five news (T) 4613840  
 6.00 Home and Away (T) Australian soap. 4610753  
 6.30 Two and a Half Men (R) Charlie and Alan pretend to be a couple. 4801005  
 7.00 five news (T) 4034753  
 7.15 Lemur Island (T) 9159395  
 8.00 How the Other Half Learns (T) New series. Six pupils trade schools. 2611753  
 9.00 **RED** The Sweetest Thing (2002) (T) Comedy, with Cameron Diaz. 5995821  
 10.40 **RED** Say It Isn't So (2003) (T) Comedy, with Chris Klein. 73796937  
 12.30 Partypoker.com European Open (T) 4421593  
 2.00 Major League Baseball 88988661

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## MINNIE DRIVER

ON LOVE, BABIES AND STRIKING IT RICH  
IN HER HIT NEW U.S. BLACK COMEDY

**'I'd like to think that being a good mother is an instinct I have. I'm going to have kids. Definitely. I don't know how or with who, but I insist that they are in my future'**

Minnie Driver beams as she talks of her new TV show, *The Riches*, a dark comedy-drama which is winning the kind of reviews and ratings across America that usually point to awards and big-bucks contracts. In it she and co-star Eddie Izzard portray a couple of low-life con artists who take over the lives of a dead couple in an affluent suburb of law practices and country clubs in America's Deep South.

"It's just such fun!" she says, that mischievous, wraparound grin making her look, at 37, just like a naughty schoolgirl. "I couldn't believe my luck when I first read the script. Look at me – I'm a middle-class, white English girl who went to a good school and has nice parents, and here is my chance to jump, feet first, into a character who is so many things I have no real knowledge of and live her life for a while. To find out what it might be like to be from the southern part of America, to have been in jail, to be a drug addict, to be a mother, to be a gypsy traveller..."

To be a con artist...? She pretends to consider this, her eyes glinting. "I wouldn't say I don't know about that part," she replies mock-demurely. "I'm an actress, remember... Just kidding!" she adds, hastily. "Honestly!"

She's a lot of fun to be around, is Minnie. She grew up in one of those rich, artistic families who do nothing by the book. Her father was a polo-playing businessman who used to hang out with people like Maria Callas, her mother a part-time model and interior designer. Minnie herself is a mixture of English, Irish, Scottish, Italian and French. She was born in London, raised mostly in Barbados with occasional stays in Argentina and the South of France, and educated at Bedales (where former pupils include Daniel Day-Lewis and Princess Margaret's children) before she went to drama school.

She became famous in 1995 in the Irish romance *Circle of Friends*, playing the plump and lovelorn Benny Hogan, for which she famously gained two stone, then promptly lost it in order to reveal herself as a knock-out beauty. She dated Matt Damon before he became famous, and was engaged to fellow actor Josh Brolin. Alongside her acting, she moonlights as a jazz singer and has appeared, thinly disguised, in the bestselling chick-lit novel, *Good in Bed* by Jennifer Weiner, as free-spirited Hollywood actress Maxie Ryder.

She has always done her own thing. "You have to follow your heart in life," she shrugs, matter-of-factly. "Take work, for instance. I couldn't wake up in the morning and know I was going to work just for the zeros at the end of the cheque."

Luckily, as far as *The Riches* is concerned, she is not required to. "I would have mud-wrestled in order to get this role, and it's all that I could have expected it to be," she enthuses. "Dahlia, my character, is a loose cannon. She could down tools and make off in the middle of the night so that you'd never see her again. She could overdose on drugs. She could become a born-again Christian. In fact, now that I think about it, she seriously is a bit like an actor, because actors are mad people, very passionate and emotional, constantly going off on tangents – I know that I'm certainly all of those things myself, so that seems as good a starting point as any to base her on."

Working with Eddie, who plays her husband and co-produces the show, is a blast, she says. "Eddie and I have a lot in common in that we're both a little, um, unusual. I don't think I've ever been the cookie-cutter sort of actress who does what you'd expect. And Eddie's carved his own path – he's a complete one-off and a pioneer in what he does. He's a good, good man and a lot of fun to be with – someone lovely to show up to work with every day. And I like the way our marriage is portrayed – it's unorthodox and a bit

Currently single, Minnie, 37, is optimistic that love will come her way. "The happier you are in yourself, the more likely it is to happen"



dysfunctional, but there is great love between them. And isn't that what we all want – family and love?"

And talking of love...? She sighs a little wearily. She has rarely been short of male company – as well as Matt and Josh, boyfriends have included actor John Cusack, tennis player Robby Ginepri, musician Daniel Rosen and, most lately, actor and magician Criss Angel, whom she dated briefly last year.

"No, there's no one around right now," she replies. Then she brightens up. "But I don't believe that there won't be. And I think that the happier you are in yourself, the more likely it is to happen. So I'm just concentrating on getting to be as good as I can possibly be in my own life. So that when it does happen, I'll be in good shape."

One thing she makes no secret of yearning for is children of her own. She plays a mother of three in *The Riches* and says that inspiration for that side of the character wasn't hard to find.

"I'm surrounded by women who are great mothers, from my mother to my sister to a lot of my friends who have

kids. Besides, I'd like to think that being a good mother is just an instinct I have too. I think that what most children need, above anything, is awareness, and attention, and love. You just have to be present. It seems to me they just want you to be there and bear witness to what they're doing. They want you to watch them playing on the swing and care that they're doing it."

It sounds like she's given some thought to the whole process. "Oh yeah," she replies instantly. "I'm going to have kids. Definitely. I don't know how or with who, but they are definitely in my future. Right now, I don't know how I'd do it with all the work I'm doing on the show, but I'm longing for the day when I telephone John Landgraf, who is head of the TV company, and imagine him turning white with shock when I say, 'John – I have some news...'"

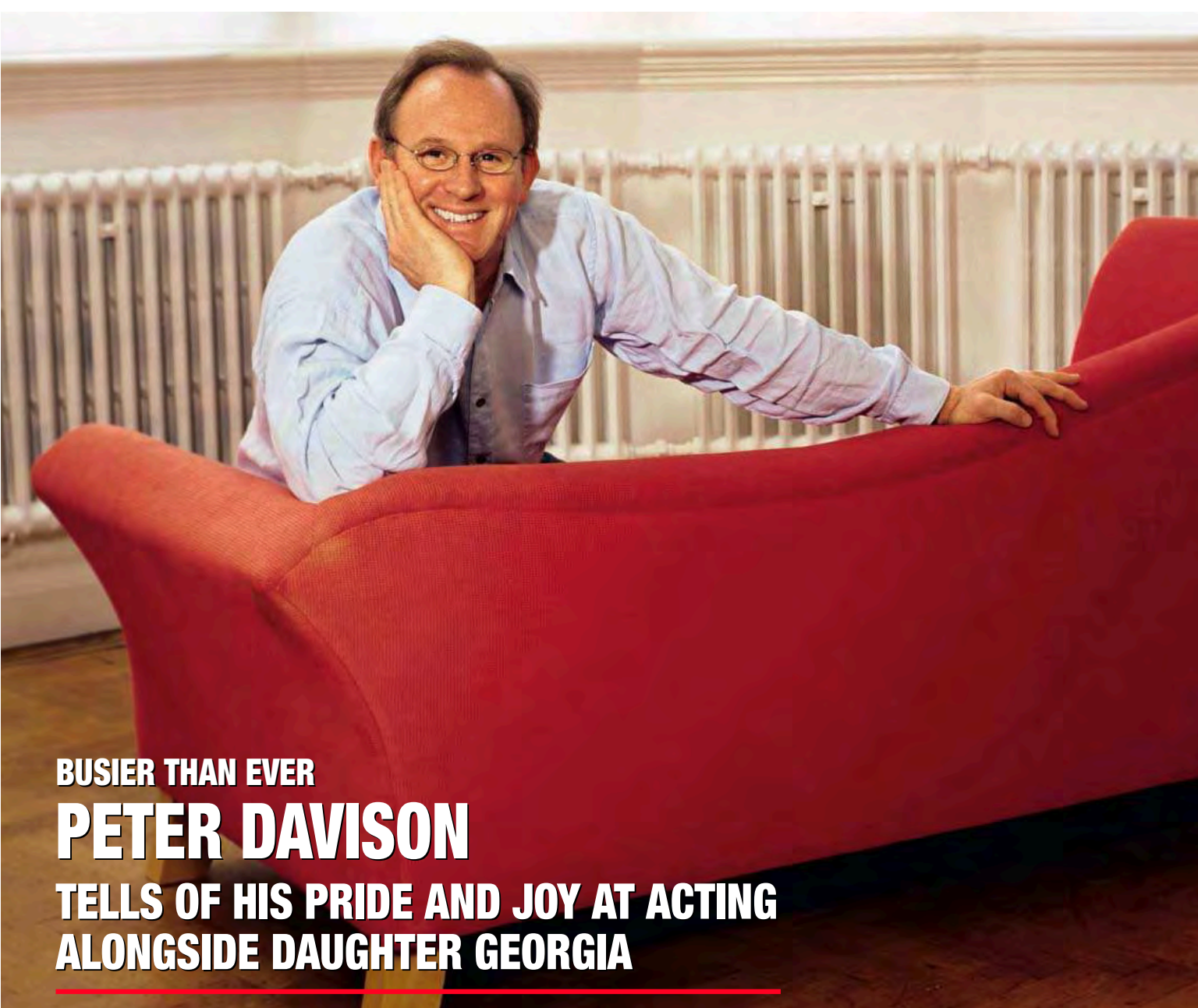
And that big grin appears again even as she thinks about it. **H**

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Minnie's character Dahlia Malloy, her con man husband Wayne (Eddie Izzard) and their children assume the identity of a well heeled family who are killed in a car crash in *The Riches*. Critics have hailed Minnie's performance as "soulful and engrossing"



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BUSIER THAN EVER

# PETER DAVISON

## TELLS OF HIS PRIDE AND JOY AT ACTING ALONGSIDE DAUGHTER GEORGIA

**P**eter Davison has welcomed a very special guest to the new series of his police drama *The Last Detective* – his daughter, actress Georgia Moffett.

But while the 56-year-old TV star is delighted to be appearing alongside her on screen, he admits that filming with the eldest of his three children was a strange experience.

"I was fine during the read-through of the episode, less so when we rehearsed our scene together," says Peter, who plays hapless detective 'Dangerous' Davies in the popular ITV show.

"There I was, staring into the eyes of somebody I had known for the past 21 years, pretending to be DC Davies, a character on TV, while being stared at by somebody who had known me for 21 years, who was also pretending to be a character from television! It just felt a bit weird – although Georgia wasn't fazed by it at all. She takes everything in her stride and that obviously includes working with her dad.

"That's part of the reason I am so proud of her," the one-time *Doctor Who* star continues. "She has gone through quite a lot in her short life yet has made a real success of it, not least in the way she has built an acting career for herself."

Georgia, now 22, was only eight when Peter parted company from his first wife, American-born actress Sandra Dickinson. "I would never try to pretend that Sandra and I splitting up wasn't difficult for Georgia. But, in a funny kind of way, I wonder if it helped her become an actress," her father muses.

"As an actor you draw on your own emotional experiences and Georgia has had a bank of those to draw on from her childhood. It would certainly explain why – in my opinion – she has become such a fine actress, despite not having a day's formal training in her life, nor seeking the advice of her parents, both of whom are actors."

His daughter had to draw on further emotional reserves when she accidentally fell pregnant at the age of 16 – and went on to make Peter a grandfather at 51. Georgia split with the baby's father before the birth, and her dad admits that the arrival of his grandson Ty, now five, was a life-changing experience for them all.

"It came as a bit of a shock – but she has coped with motherhood very well," says Peter, who lives in London with his second wife, actress Elizabeth Morton, 41, and their sons, Louis, six, and Joel, four.

"My boys and Ty have become great friends, although I'm not sure that Louis and Joel have quite grasped the idea of being uncles to Ty, any more than I have grasped the concept of being his grandfather!" he adds.

"It's not just that I hate the term 'grandfather' – and I really do mean hate it – I just don't feel like I am Ty's grandfather. My eldest son is only seven months older than Ty so, in some ways, Ty feels like another kid, to me, rather than a grandkid."

Peter is clearly a great admirer of his daughter – and he is determined to dispel any notion of

nepotism in the casting of Georgia in *The Last Detective*. "The fact that Georgia is good enough to have landed regular work in programmes such as *Bonkers* and *The Bill* shows she has what it takes," he says. "In fact, it was the show's director Nick Laughland who thought about Georgia for the part of criminal's daughter Tanya in the first episode of the new series – not me."

"He had worked with Georgia on the Robson Green drama *Like Father Like Son* and was impressed by her. She still had to audition for the role of Tanya, but was then offered the part."

But he admits he did put Georgia's name forward to play his daughter Chloe in the BBC2 sitcom *Fear, Stress and Anger*, which aired earlier this year.

"She seemed tailor-made for the part," he explains. "They wanted a 21-year-old, blonde actress to play my daughter – so who better than a 21-year-old actress who actually was my daughter and who I knew would do well in the role?"

Born Peter Moffett, he adopted the stage name of Davison when he decided to become an actor, and he can hardly keep the smile off his face as he discusses not only his daughter's success, but also his own.

Last year, he made no fewer than four TV series: *The Last Detective*, *Distant Shores*, *Fear, Stress and Anger* and *The Complete Guide To Parenting* – and is now in talks about making a one-off special of *All Creatures Great and Small*, the BBC1 series which gave the south London-born star his big break in the 1970s.

**'They wanted a 21-year-old to play my daughter so who better than a 21-year-old actress who is my daughter'**

A big star in the 1970s and 1980s, thanks to roles including Tristan Farnon in *All Creatures Great and Small*, Peter is once again a firm fixture on the small screen. In the new series of *The Last Detective*, he appears with his pretty daughter, Georgia Moffett (right)

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After appearing as the vet Tristan Farnon in the classic BBC show, Peter played the coveted title role in *Doctor Who* from 1981 to 1984, and then starred in the Andrew Davies-penned comedy *A Very Peculiar Practice*. But he became a less familiar face on our screens in the 1990s.

"That may have been the case although I never felt that my career was in trouble," he says. "It was just that I was appearing in single programmes, on TV, rather than in the series I had done before."

"It's true that I didn't have as much money as I'd had previously, but I put that down to going through a divorce, rather than not being on TV as much."

It was Peter's starring role in the ITV1 comedy drama *At Home With the Braithwaites*, as permanently-stressed millionaire's husband David Braithwaite, between 2000 and 2003 that put him firmly back on the TV map. And his eye-catching performances in *The Last Detective* and as doctor Bill Shore in ITV1's *Distant Shores* have underlined his popularity with television audiences.

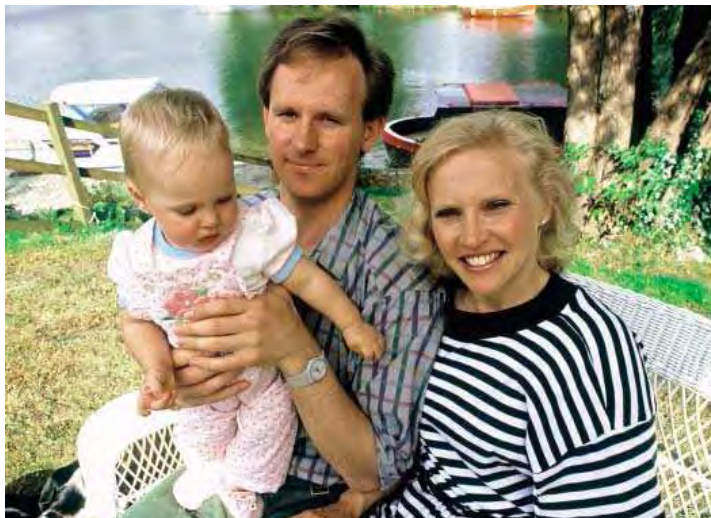
"Somebody wrote that I was 'back from the wilderness' when I started appearing in series on TV again," he recalls. "But I wasn't aware of having been in the wilderness in the first place!"

INTERVIEW: TIM OGLETHORPE

The new series of *The Last Detective* starts on ITV1 on Thursday 3 May at 9pm



Actress Georgia as a baby with dad Peter and mum Sandra Dickinson (left). The aspiring star was only eight when her parents split up, but Georgia hasn't let her early difficult family life set her back. Now 22, her TV work includes parts in *The Bill* and comedy *Bonkers* and she has to juggle life as a working mum to five-year-old Ty after falling pregnant at 16. Dad David is full of admiration for his daughter. "She has gone through a lot in her short life, but has made a real success of it," he says proudly





## AS "ALLO 'ALLO' MAKES A ONE-OFF RETURN VICKI MICHELLE SHARES FOND MEMORIES OF THE HIT SITCOM AND HER SHOWBIZ FAMILY LIFE



Gordon Kaye and Vicki (far left) with other 'Allo 'Allo' cast members in the sitcom's heyday in 1990. Vicki says the show, written by David Croft and Jeremy Lloyd (who also wrote *Dad's Army*), was so successful because families could sit down together to watch it. Catchphrases such as "Good morning!" and "I shall say zis only once..." have passed into common usage

**'It was lovely to see everyone again. We all got into character and it was as if we'd never been away'**

**L**isten very carefully, I shall say this only once: Vicki Michelle is starring in *The Return of 'Allo 'Allo*, a one-off BBC special celebrating the popular sitcom. Vicki, 53, and other original cast members – including Gordon Kaye, who played café owner René Artois – filmed a new episode of the farcical comedy last month. "They took us onto set, which was the same as the original, and I got goosebumps," says the actress, who played flirty French waitress Yvette Carte-Blanche. "It was lovely to see everyone again. We all got into character and it was as if we'd never been away."

The phenomenally popular *'Allo 'Allo*, which was set in wartime occupied France, ran for nine series from 1982 to 1992. More than 11million people would regularly tune in, it was sold to more than 50 countries, and spawned a successful stage show which toured Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

The reunion episode – which will be interspersed with clips from original episodes and interviews with actors – was filmed in front of a studio audience, many of whom had dressed up as *'Allo 'Allo* characters. "We got ovations as soon as we came onto set," she says. "It reminded me that the show was such a big part of my life."

The actress, who lives in Essex with her husband Graham Fowler, a director of photography, and her daughter Louise, 17, has kept in touch with many of her colleagues from the sitcom. "We did stage shows as well – we toured Australia for about 16 weeks – so we were practically living together at some point. We became a very close-knit family."

Vicki, who acted alongside Ray Winstone in football drama *All in the Game* last year, still receives *'Allo 'Allo* fan mail. "I've been sent jewellery and flowers. And I've even received wedding proposals."

What was the secret to the show's popularity? "We had so many characters – the Germans, the French, the English – I think the humour appealed worldwide. And it was a real family show," she says.

Vicki was worried work might dry up when the show finished, but the opposite has been true. She has appeared in stage shows around the country, and has also founded a business, Trading Faces, which provides celebrities, politicians and sportsmen for after-dinner speeches and presentations. "I ran that by myself for about three years, but I was also acting and looking after my daughter, so it became a bit too much. Then I asked my sisters, Ann and Suzie, if they could get involved." Vicki's other sister, June, is a teacher. The siblings and their mum Joan all live close to each other.

Ann is also an actress, and she and Vicki would often be up for the same roles. "We had to make a conscious decision not to be jealous of each other. And you'd rather your sister got the role than someone else."

Showbusiness seems to run in their blood – Joan was an actress before having her four daughters, and the next generation is continuing the tradition. Suzie's daughter Susie, 25, Ann's son Eddie-Blue, 30, June's son Michael, 19, and Vicki's daughter Louise have all shown an interest in acting.

Louise is studying for her A-levels, but would like an acting career. "When she was six weeks old, I took her with me when I did the *'Allo 'Allo* stage show at the London Palladium. Then, when she was three months old, we toured Australia. Over the years, she's picked up so much by watching me and the people I work with, and if I've been on tour during the school holidays, she has come to stay with me."

"She's an excellent actress and she's got a really good stage presence. She's also very good at comedy," says Vicki. "I wouldn't say that if I didn't really believe it – I'm a Sagittarian, so I always say the truth!"

INTERVIEW: DAWN EMERY

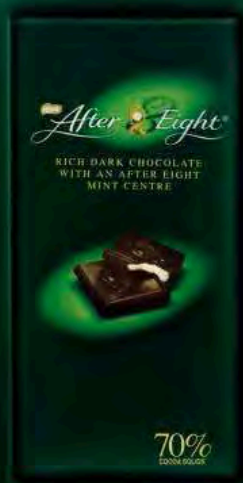
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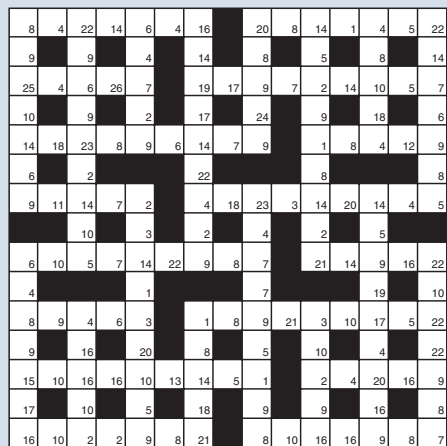
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## Across

- 1 --- Snipes, US actor and martial arts ace who starred in the *Blade* trilogy of films (6)  
 4 Denise ---, actress who plays Miss Haydock in TV school drama *Waterloo Road* (5)  
 10 Chris ---, singer who recorded the theme song to 2006 Bond film *Casino Royale* (7)  
 11 Ape, copy (7)  
 12 See 7 Down  
 13 --- Graham, US actress who starred in 2006 film *Bobby* (7)  
 14 US actress who played Anwen in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy (3,5)  
 17 American ---, US talent series hosted by Ryan Seacrest (4)  
 20 --- Robinson, presenter of TV quiz show *Weakest Link* (4)

- 21 & 28 Down 2002 horror film, starring Milla Jovovich, based on a video game (8,4)  
 25 --- Windsor, actress who plays Peggy Mitchell in *EastEnders* (7)  
 27 Elizabeth ---, actress and fashion designer who recently married businessman Arun Ray (6)  
 29 --- Diaz, actress in 2006 rom-com *The Holiday* (7)  
 30 The ---, M Night Shyamalan's 2004 horror film that starred Joaquin Phoenix (7)  
 32 Jodie ---, glamour model who appeared on *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2006 (5)  
 33 --- Milano, actress who played Phoebe Halliwell in US TV series *Charmed* (6)

## Down

- 1 --- of *the Worlds*, 2005 film starring Tom Cruise (3)  
 2 Kimberly ---, model daughter of singing legend Rod (7)  
 3 --- Macpherson, supermodel often dubbed The Body (4)  
 5 --- Wood, US actor whose films include *Sin City* (6)  
 6 Film that won the Oscar for Best Picture in 2006 (5)  
 7 & 12 Across Kristin ---, actress who starred in 1996 epic *The English Patient* (5,6)  
 8 Denise ---, actress and ex-wife of Charlie Sheen (8)  
 9 Will ---, US actor and star of recent film *Blades of Glory* (7)  
 15 --- Hainsworth, Dougray Scott's character in TV's *Desperate Housewives* (3)  
 16 --- Kelly, popular early morning TV presenter (8)  
 18 --- Cheadle, US actor whose film credits include *Hotel Rwanda* and *Ocean's 12* (3)  
 19 Liza ---, British star of recent sitcom *Bonkers* (7)  
 22 Michael ---, Oscar-winning US actor who is married to Catherine Zeta Jones (7)  
 23 Ed ---, US actor and star of the films *The Hours* and *A History of Violence* (6)  
 24 Winona ---, US actress who starred with Keanu Reeves in *A Scanner Darkly* (5)  
 26 Cuban dance style (5)  
 28 See 21 Across  
 31 The name of Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe's daughter (3)

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Celebrity: LUCY LIU

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 11 Hatcher; 12 Laurie; 13 Melanie;  
 14 Walk This; 17 Tara; 20 Ewan;  
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 O'Brien; 29 Coppola; 30 Tarbuck;  
 32 Lloyd; 33 Angela.

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1 Rae; 2 Patrick; 3 Ring; 5 Little;  
 6 Cohen; 7 Apple; 8 Thompson;  
 9 Freeman; 15 Ana; 16 Holloway;  
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 23 Antony; 24 Snake; 26 Lapel;  
 28 Stan; 31 Uma.

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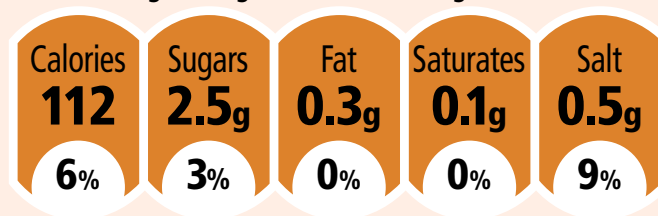
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# Jonathan Cainer

Saturn's change of direction this week doesn't just benefit Aquarians and Capricorns, it represents good news for Leos, too. Indeed, even if you were born under none of these signs, you will still notice a change for the better. Life should soon become easier and more ordered for us all



22 MAY - 22 JUN

No matter where you travel, you will always find someone who speaks English. We would be wrong, though, to conclude from this that we stand a fair chance of being understood wherever we go. Indeed, in order to be completely misunderstood, we do not need to venture outside our own front door. It is difficult to say quite how or why a certain person has got hold of the wrong end of a rather crucial stick. But it is clear that something needs to be sorted out. Go beyond words this week and communicate with genuine gestures, sincere emotion.

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## Gemini



24 SEP - 23 OCT

Once upon a time, I would have known exactly what to say to you under celestial circumstances such as these. But times have changed and so have you. You are no longer the person you used to be. You have learned many lessons and gained many skills. You no longer need the advice that might once have been appropriate. You instinctively know the right way to handle your current challenge. If you can now trust what you understand - while being respectful of what you do not understand - you will yet manage to make the perfect choice this week.

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## Libra



23 JUN - 23 JUL

Do you have a guardian angel? Is a fairy godmother watching you? The sky, right now, suggests that an entire team of such cosmic assistants are placing themselves at your disposal. Nymphs, fauns, unicorns and dolphins are all psychically circling you - so much so that the dryads and naiads are having to squeeze up next to the elves, pixies and leprechauns just to make room. You wonder why, if this is so, your life is not perfect. Perhaps because they are all arguing amongst themselves about what kind of help to give you and when. Soon, though, they will resolve their differences.

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## Cancer



24 OCT - 22 NOV

If you can't be good, be careful. If you can't be careful, be quiet. And if you can't be good, careful or quiet, be thoroughly ashamed of yourself. Honestly! What am I supposed to say to you this week? You know full well what you are planning and you also know that it is nothing a grown-up would ever approve of. This is naughtiness. You are being a wild child. Can't you be sensible instead? Hmm... I guess you can't. Oh well, for the record, Venus and Mars suggest that somehow you are due to get clean away with the reckless adventure on which you are now embarking.

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## Scorpio



24 JUL - 23 AUG

You are very good at seeing what you want to see, but also very good at seeing what others want you to see. You are quite happy to be persuaded of something as long as it doesn't conflict with your own basic big idea. You don't much mind whether the vision is yours or someone else's - as long as it is a clear vision. You are wrestling with something ambiguous. Seen from one angle, it is clear that a certain situation is wrong. Seen from another, it surely must be right. Before you can decide, you must go through a phase of doubt. First, open your mind. Then, close it.

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## Leo



23 NOV - 21 DEC

Happy memories never leave us. We must take care, though, not to revel so much in yesterday's triumphs that we fail to take care of today's needs. Last month's dinner, no matter how satisfying, will not fill you today. Last week's lie-in, no matter how refreshing, will not stop you from feeling tired tonight. There is now something you want. You know it must be possible to get it, because you have attained it in the past. You feel sure, though, that the route to success is the same as before. Not so. This time, you need to approach matters in a very different way.

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## Sagittarius



24 AUG - 23 SEP

Dreams can come true this week, so be very, very careful. There are some dreams that you definitely do not want to become reality. You have idle fancies with which you while away the quiet hours. These may comfort and amuse you, but you would be horrified if they ever came to pass. Think of the repercussions. Think, too, of the gap in your life that would ensue. Then where would you turn for secret solace? Take this week's chance to fulfil a fantasy by all means. But choose a fantasy that has merit. Reach for a dream that truly inspires you and that deserves to spring into life.

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## Virgo



22 DEC - 20 JAN

As a student astrologer, I recall being urged to avoid opinions. "If you are prejudiced," I was told, "you will never be able to read a horoscope clearly." We live, though, in a world full of people who define their identity through the sides and stances that they take. "I support this team, I follow that religion, I don't like this, I disagree with that, this makes me livid..." Do you think it is ever so slightly, mildly, gently possible that you may have one strong idea too many? Could this be causing you to cut off your nose to spite your face? It's just a thought.

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## Capricorn



## Taurus

21 APR - 21 MAY



Uma Thurman is 37 on 29 April

When is a failure not a failure? When it leads to a success that could have come about in no other way. When is a success not a success? When its ultimate result is a failure that might otherwise have been avoided. You cannot know whether it is good to be losing or bad to be winning. Time may well cause you to re-evaluate everything that you think you understand. But you are about to acquire a temporary reason to celebrate. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

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21 JAN - 19 FEB

You don't know how lucky you are - so allow me to tell you. You are gob-smackingly, mind-blowingly, teeth-skinningly fortunate. You could easily be in a situation far worse than the one you now face. Understand this and be grateful. The week ahead brings you a chance to pour oil on troubled waters; to create opportunity where none existed. It also gives you the chance to go round in circles achieving nothing and feeling sorry for yourself. Which would you prefer to do? Well then, start counting your blessings and think positive thoughts.

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## Aquarius



20 FEB - 20 MAR

Take your time. Try to get used to your surroundings. Many of the best things in life take a little bit of getting used to. When we first encounter a strange sensation, we tend to feel suspicious. Only on repeated exposure do we learn to like it. Familiarity may breed contempt, but far more often it makes us feel content. We know what we like and we like what we know. You may have your doubts about someone or something, but you will soon find much to appreciate and enjoy within a seemingly difficult scenario. Draw on your strength. You have plenty of it.

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## Pisces



21 MAR - 20 APR

With Mercury in your sign, you have the chance to get your brain into gear as never before. Dedicate the next couple of weeks to problem-solving. Become an inventor, a detective, a researcher and an explorer. Leave no stone unturned in your search for the best possible solution to a difficult situation. Though Mercury departs in a few days, Mars will move into Aries in mid-May, and you will get your chance to turn ideas into concrete realities. But first you need to work out what your options are. You are about to discover that you have many more than you knew.

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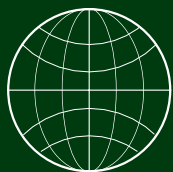
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ACTOR AND SOCIAL CAMPAIGNER  
**RICHARD GERE**  
 IN TROUBLE IN INDIA  
 BUT AT PEACE AT HOME

**'I'm nobody special at home. I have a teenage daughter who couldn't care less what I say, and a son who sees me as some guy who plays baseball with him'**



After years of humanitarian campaigning and 40 films in three decades, Richard Gere now says that it's his family who give him greatest satisfaction

**H**ollywood actor Richard Gere became embroiled in a blazing row in India last week when he played out an impromptu passionate clinch with *Celebrity Big Brother* winner Shilpa Shetty.

The Buddhist and dedicated social activist was at an AIDS awareness event in New Delhi with the Bollywood actress. After rallying an enthusiastic crowd of 4,000 truck drivers with the campaign cry, "No condom, no sex," in Hindi, the star grabbed Shilpa in an unrehearsed rerun of a scene from his 2004 film *Shall we Dance?* and gave her a smacker of a kiss on both cheeks.

The public display of affection caused great offence in a country where kissing in public is technically illegal and thought of as taboo. As it hit the front pages of India's leading newspapers and was replayed countless times on TV, protesters burned posters and effigies of both stars and chanted: "Death to Shilpa Shetty."

Shilpa tried to defuse the situation by saying the *American Gigolo* actor had apologised "profusely" for what she called "a harmless mistake". She added: "It was all in good humour. He especially told me to tell the media that he didn't want to hurt any Indian sensibilities."

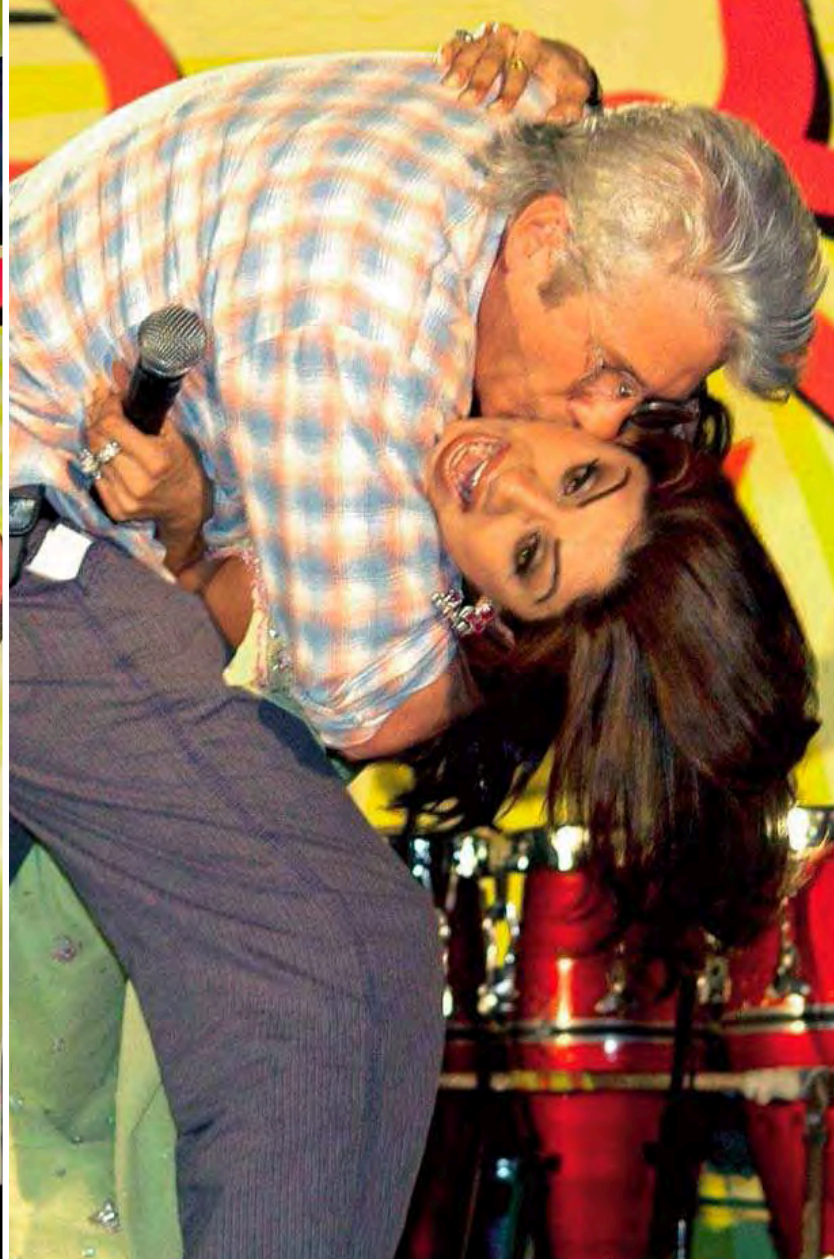
It is not the first time that Richard's involvement with condom consciousness has led to controversy. "We had a condom scene in *Pretty Woman*, you remember," he says when we meet on a sunny Saturday in Los Angeles. "This was back in 1990, and we said, 'We can't just be doing this scene where a guy goes with a hooker, we have to get a condom in there.' And Garry Marshall [the director] came up with the idea of adding a funny scene. You had Julia Roberts saying to me, 'Okay, pick a colour – do you want a blue one or a pink one or a red one?' It was just a short scene, but it was a big deal at the time. The first time on film somebody had actually said, 'Here's what you do – you go with a hooker, you wear a condom.'"

HIV/AIDS awareness is just one of the Hollywood actor's causes – the full list is dizzying. Apart from his work with his own private foundation and his friendship with the Dalai Lama, Richard puts his energies into preserving Tibetan culture, supporting tribes peoples' charity Survival International and working towards a solution for Israeli-Palestinian conflict, among others.

But despite the workload, he looks pretty relaxed today. Casual in a grey top and a sports jacket, his narrow, dark eyes peering cheerfully through silver-rimmed glasses that tone with his silver hair, he looks like what he is – a man who, at 57, is happier now than he has ever been in his life.

And for that, he unhesitatingly gives the credit to his partner, 46-year-old actress Carey Lowell, and their two children, Homer James Jigme, seven, and Hannah, Carey's 17-year-old daughter by her previous husband, actor and director Griffin Dunne.

"As far as I'm concerned my life is



The 57-year-old actor campaigns for AIDS awareness, especially in India, which has the highest number of HIV-positive people in the world – 5.7 million. But a recent campaign was overshadowed by furious condemnation after he got carried away with Shilpa Shetty, 31, at a safe-sex rally. Despite the beautiful Bollywood actress making light of his jokey mauling, protesters burnt effigies and posters of the two and made death threats

divided into three parts," he explains. "I have my career, which I care about very much, I have a great job and I really love doing it. I have my humanitarian work, my foundation, my work for Tibet, that kind of work that I do. And I have my family – and, without a doubt, the best third of all is my family."

He is visiting Los Angeles from his home in New York to promote his new film, *The Hoax*, the true story of Clifford Irving, a writer who caused a great stir in the 1970s by selling a fake biography of Howard Hughes.

It's a classic Richard Gere film, intelligent and complex, chock-full of meditations on truthfulness and deceit – "It's a beautifully written script," he says, "about an emotionally complicated person" – and he clearly enjoyed every minute of making it. But it is with his family, he says, that his real happiness lies, and it is when he talks about them that his face lights up in a way it does with no other subject.

"I'm nobody special at home," delightedly declares the man who has been on Hollywood's A-list for some 30 years now and has made 40 films. "I'm just a dad they don't pay attention to. I have a teenage daughter who couldn't

## 'It was all in good humour. He especially told me to tell the media that he didn't want to hurt any Indian sensibilities'

care less what I say. And I have a seven-year-old son who sees me as some guy who plays baseball with him. Meanwhile, I, of course, think they are just perfection, because everyone thinks their kids are perfection. So, we're just like anybody else. And that's just the way it should be."

Richard Gere became famous in the 1970s, a time of drugs, disco and debauchery that did not sit easily with the private and serious young man who had taken a philosophy degree before becoming an actor. He struggled with the public's perception of him for many years – once, infamously, dropping his trousers

during a newspaper interview when a journalist had asked him about being a sex symbol – and gained a reputation for being surly, almost impossible, to talk to. Whatever happened to that angry young man? Easy, says Richard today. He grew up.

"We all invent ourselves again and again in America," he shrugs. "And I think that's a good thing. It proves that all things are possible."

And for Richard, almost as famous as his film career is the fact that he has been helped in his own personal re-invention by the discovery of Buddhism. Ask him today what Buddhism means to him, though, and

he thinks long and hard before answering.

"When I was a kid," he says at last, slowly, "I used to go fishing. And before I'd set out, I'd go out in the early morning and catch worms for bait. I'd go into the grass, find the worms in the dew, and catch as many as I could and put them into a jar. Lots of worms, sometimes a hundred of them. I'd catch them all separately and put them in there one by one. And I'd take my fishing rod and I'd go out to where I was going to catch the fish, and I'd open the jar... and all the worms would be in there so intertwined with each other that you couldn't even pull them apart."

"And that's how I see the lives of all of us on this planet. We're all deeply connected with each other – from the biggest to the smallest, from the most crazy to the most sane, from the Supreme Court to you and me in this room. We're all in it together."

And Richard Gere, A-list actor and social activist to his fingertips, nods sagely. **H**

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## THE DUCHESS OF YORK GETS DOLLED UP FOR A CHARITY CONCERT IN THE BIG APPLE

**T**he 47-year-old Duchess of York proved that she can still turn on the glamour for a glittering occasion as she posed with the Pussycat Dolls' lead singer Nicole Scherzinger in New York last week.

Looking stunning in a low-cut black dress, which made the most of her figure, Sarah looked relaxed and tanned after an Easter holiday with her daughters in the Bahamas.

The Duchess flew back to New York especially to attend the first in a series of seven Cipriani/Deutsche Bank Wall Street charity concerts. The sultry Pussycats were the billed attraction, with hip hop superstar Snoop Dogg putting in a surprise appearance to take the night by storm.

New Yorkers have taken Sarah Ferguson, as she is known over there, to their hearts and for the third year in a row an audience turned out in force, helping her raise money for UNICEF and her own charity, the Sarah Ferguson Foundation for children.

Future shows include

performances from Lenny Kravitz, Andrea Bocelli and the other Fergie – Black Eyed Peas frontwoman Stacy Ferguson.

New York City has become a second home to the Duchess and she spends more time there these days than she does in Britain. She loves the great symbols of the Big Apple, such as the gum-chewing, wisecracking officers of the city's police department.

So it seemed fitting that she be photographed with one of New York's finest for Italian men's magazine *L'Uomo Vogue*, for which she is doing an interview on her "male icons".

She kept her outfit under wraps as she stepped out of a 1965 Silver Cloud III Rolls-Royce to chat up NYPD officers during a break, so it was impossible to tell whether her outfit was as racy as the one she recently modelled for a *Harper's Bazaar* shoot, when she wore fishnets and high heels, accessorised by a riding crop. **H**

REPORT: JUDY WADE



The Duchess with Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger (above) at the concert in the New York venue Cipriani Wall Street in aid of UNICEF and the Sarah Ferguson Foundation. Later, Sarah did a photo shoot in the streets of Manhattan (right) for an Italian magazine



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# EXCLUSIVE: A DAY IN MIAMI WITH HEART-THROB SINGER ENRIQUE IGLESIAS

## 'Anna Kournikova is the only woman I can imagine as the mother of my kids'

**S**panish singing sensation Enrique Iglesias can boast record sales of 40 million, with seven gold discs and several platinum ones already in the bag. He's received a Grammy, a Latin Grammy and four American Music Awards – and as if that weren't enough, he's been dating stunning tennis star Anna Kournikova for the past five years.

But the 31-year-old self-confessed loner says that he can't sleep. Perhaps that's why he's calling his new album *Insomniac*. It's his first in three years and it features tracks in both English and Spanish, his mother tongue. It's been a lot of hard work – three years spent locked away in the studio, in fact – but Enrique is excited by the result. The first single from the album comes in two versions – *Dimelo* in Spanish and *Do You Know?* in English – and is already making a splash on the internet, with the album expected this summer.

In fact, Enrique finds himself once more in pole position in the world of pop, all revved up and raring to go. It's been 11 years since the son of legendary crooner Julio Iglesias arrived on the pop scene with a bang, and he knows that if arriving is tough, then staying there is even tougher.

He can, however, count on plenty of loving support – not only from Anna and his father but also from his mother, Spanish socialite and fashion icon Isabel Preysler. Success is in his blood.

**Enrique, you've been away from the fray for a while now...**

"I've been shut away in the studio for three years. I've been through a period of transition. I wanted to do something musically innovative, and I've put so much love into this record, so much effort and so many hours of hard work."

**It's called *Insomniac* – don't tell me you don't sleep well.**

"Pretty badly, yes. I've always had trouble sleeping."

**The artistic type working throughout the night?**

"I go to the studio at 5pm and come out at six in the morning. I get up at two-ish, have something to eat and then head straight for the studio again."

**You've done pretty well so far, haven't you? You're just 31 and you've already sold 40 million records.**

"I've been very fortunate in my career because it doesn't matter how hard you work; at the end of the day it's all down to whether people like the records."

**You and Anna first met when you were shooting a video.**

"Yes, in true Hollywood style. It wasn't my idea to have her in it. It even seemed strange that a tennis player should appear in my video!"

**Are you living separately at the moment?** ►

Enrique lives two minutes away from former tennis ace Anna, and they've been together five years, which Enrique jokingly says feel like 40! Asked if he'd like to start a family, he sounds keen but insists that right now is not the time. "It would be mad having kids with the kind of lifestyle I have," he says. Certainly, disappearing into his studio at five in the afternoon and emerging at dawn does not sound compatible with family life!









**'Many people think I'm resentful that my father Julio wasn't always with me while I was growing up. That's not true at all. He did all he could'**

"As I work so much and am away from home so many hours at a time, I don't want to..."

**... organise a life together while you are still busy pushing on with your career.**

"Exactly. Besides, she lives about two minutes away from my house, so she can keep her eye on me all the time!"

**Do you need people to keep an eye on you?**

"How many times have you seen pictures of me out on the town? I don't go out very much, and if I do it's with my friends. I need my solitude."

**Anna knows all this, of course.**

"She's very patient; she understands my work and knows that I like to be alone and that I need those times. Sometimes I go a whole week locked up in the studio or in my house without seeing anyone, just writing."

**So she respects your privacy.**

"She does. I couldn't be with someone who didn't respect my work."

**Does fatherhood figure in your plans?**

"Yes. I think I'll have children, although I don't think now is the right time. It would be mad having kids with the kind of lifestyle I have."

**Every now and again we read that you and Anna have got married. How do you feel about that?**

"It makes me laugh. We have got married now three times, split up four and I don't know how many times Anna has been pregnant."

**She left professional tennis some time ago. What's she up to now?**

"She loves children, so she now works with an organisation here in the States that takes care of children from other countries whose parents can't look after them because they have to work. She also plays exhibition matches from time to time, although her main thing is the children."

**That sounds promising.**

"She would be the perfect mother, but not right now."

**But it might happen unexpectedly.**

"But she's only 25 years old! In any case, do you know how difficult it is to keep a relationship going?"

**If you're not even planning to live together, why the talk about a wedding?**

"Exactly."

**Your focus is clearly still on your career. You must be strong mentally to have dealt with so much success so young.**

"That's partly because I grew up with fame very close at hand, watching my father and learning about the business."

**What useful things did he teach you?**

"His discipline, but, above all, how he has always known how to surround himself with the right people, telling the good from the bad. When I was young I noticed who genuinely admired and loved my father, just by the way they treated us when he wasn't around."

**What about the downside of fame?**

"This business can be very false. I think, though, that my father has encountered that much more than I have. He started without knowing anything about the music industry. I'm full of admiration for the way he dealt with all the difficulties."

**At times people have tried to pitch you and Julio against one another...**

"Yes, and sometimes that's been partly our fault, although there are other people you ▶

Amateur pilot Enrique grew up with fame and learned from watching his father, Latin legend Julio Iglesias, how to separate the pros from the cons. He reckons the music industry can be "very false" and appears to have developed a sixth sense for avoiding its less appealing elements



*Insomniac* took Enrique three years to write and is expected to be released this summer. "I wanted to do something musically innovative and I've put so much love into this record, so much effort," says the star who, at 31, has sold 40 million records, with seven gold discs and several platinums under his belt

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could blame. Record companies do make you compete a bit, and they did that especially at the beginning of my career. I was just an 18-year-old starting out and to make me compete with my father was a bit ridiculous." **How do you feel about your father now?**

"There are many people who think I am resentful that my father wasn't always with me while I was growing up. That's not true at all. He did all he could. The most important thing was that he surrounded us with people who looked after us and cared about us."

**Let's talk a little about your mother, Enrique.**

"My mother, apart from being a very discreet lady, is very intelligent. I'll tell you something: I don't have a single complaint against my parents. I'm not saying it was easy when ETA [the Basque separatist group] kidnapped

my grandfather and we had to get out of Spain and go and live in the States. Having to leave my mother at the age of eight was very, very difficult. It traumatises you a bit, but you get used to it. But my mother was always there for whatever we needed. She's a 'ten', as far as I'm concerned." ►



Despite his long-standing relationship with Anna, Enrique is undoubtedly something of a loner. "I like to be alone," he says. "I'm not afraid of solitude. It inspires me, in fact." Something else he thinks he would find inspiring is getting the chance to record a track with his father "from our hearts"

**Tell us about your house here in Miami.**

"It's got three bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen. That's all. It's not my mother's house! Mine's about the size of her swimming pool's changing room."

**You're a bit of a loner, aren't you?**

"I like to be alone. I'm not afraid of solitude. Exactly the opposite, in fact: it inspires me. It's when I work and am most focused. I've always been a bit of a loner. And I know what you're going to ask me now."

**You tell me, Enrique.**

"Why have I got a girlfriend then?" **I wouldn't have put it so bluntly, but you have been together for quite a few years now.**

"Five, which feel more like 40 [laughs], mainly because I had never been in a serious relationship before."

**It seems you live from day to day.** "I think so, although sometimes I imagine my future as a singer. However, as far as my personal life and having kids goes..."

**Don't tell me, it scares you.**

"I'm not scared at all, especially with Anna at my side. Anna is the only person with whom I can imagine my future."

**'I've got a bit of a temper. Lying is what gets on my nerves the most. I need to trust those around me'**

**As the mother of your children.**

"Exactly. Although whether we stay together or not, she would still make the perfect mother."

**But look at your father now.**

"Yes, I know my father keeps having children, but there was a 25-year gap when he didn't have any little ones."

**Perhaps they make him feel young again.** "Maybe. We've never spoken about it."

**What do you think?**

"Well, I'd say perhaps he's more keen on having children now than before, when he was busier and maybe wasn't enjoying his personal life as much as he is now."

**Your grandfather, the one who was kidnapped by ETA and who has now passed away, also went in for fatherhood late in life.**

"Yes. My grandfather was 90 and still having kids. He was an exceptional

human being, the heart and soul of the family who made everyone laugh."

**Do you think he went on having children when he was so old for the sake of Ronna, his widow?**

"I think so. I was talking to him one day and I remember him telling me that he was completely aware that he was too old to have kids, but Ronna had been with him for many years and had always wanted them."

**Your brother Julio's been dancing on a TV reality show. What do you think of that?**

"He's a star. His attitude helps all us siblings – Chabeli, Tamara, Ana and me. Sometimes people think that everything was handed to us on a plate, and that's not true."

**Are you trying to make a point?**

"I want people to know that we're normal, everyday types. My brother is a

lovely guy who gets on with everyone and isn't snobbish at all. He's the perfect friend. I've probably got a bit more of a temper than him. Lying is what gets on my nerves the most. If there's one thing I need in life it's to trust those around me."

**Miranda and your father have been together for many years. Does she bring much to his life?**

"I don't know what to say to you. You can ask me about my entire family, about anything, but I don't speak about things I know nothing about. And I know nothing about their relationship."

**When was the last time you saw your father?**

"When my grandfather died."

**I wonder whether you'll ever decide to sing together.**

"I'd like to do it if it came from our hearts – because we wanted to – rather than for marketing purposes or to sell records. And even if we made a song that never got released, simply being in the studio with my father would be a great honour."



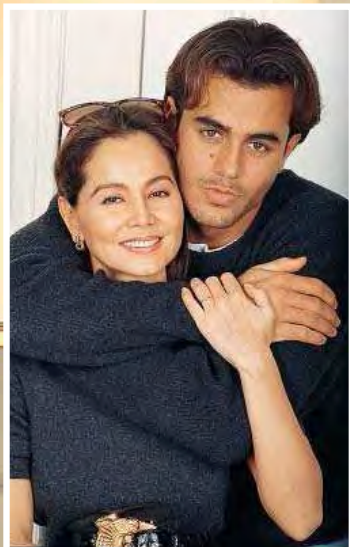
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**'Every age has its own rules.  
There is simply no sense in trying  
to look like a young girl'**



Julio Iglesias' ex-wife, fashion icon and socialite Isabel, is famous for appearing untouched by the years, despite being a mother-of-five (Enrique was her third.) She's pragmatic on the subject, though, explaining that after taking care of your body (she neither drinks nor smokes) it's all down to knowing *exactly* what suits you. This Armani Privé gown is clearly a winner





It's easy to see how stunning 56-year-old Isabel – who's now wed to her third husband – captured the heart of Enrique's father, whom she married aged just 19. Right: posing against one of the world's most romantic backdrops, dressed in Chanel. Far right: in a Valentino gown





**'We should all take a good look in the mirror before leaving the house. But just one look. I can't bear people who are forever gazing at themselves'**

Isabel Preysler has something special. It's easy to see why one of the world's great heart-throbs married her – and why their son has set a whole new generation of women swooning. The husband was, of course, Spanish crooner Julio Iglesias, and the son is Enrique, a pop phenomenon who owes his voice to his father, but his exotic looks and flawless style at least as much to his mother.

In Spain, where she lives, Filipino-born Isabel first captured the nation's attention as Julio's beautiful 19-year-old bride. Nearly four decades later, she is quite simply an inspiration. Now married to third husband, ex Finance Minister Miguel Boyer, and a mother of five, not only does she still look remarkably youthful, but her dress sense is matchless – and a blueprint for how to look better and better as the years roll by.

Here, the 56-year-old fashion icon and society beauty exclusively shares some of her secrets.

**You've yet again been voted Spain's most elegant woman. Do you find you have to take ever more care how you dress?**

"I believe that every age has its own style and rules. There's simply no sense in trying to look like a young girl."

**Does elegance like yours come at a high price?**

"Leaving aside the question of money, a lot of consideration must go into what you wear. And you have to take care of your body. That doesn't mean getting obsessive though. I don't believe in drastic dieting, which can lead to disorders like anorexia, nor in fanatical exercise regimes, which can be counterproductive."

**Do you think the concept of elegance has changed recently?**

"No, in essence it's the same. But fashion constantly finds new ways to express elegance."

**What do you like from this season's looks?**

"It all depends on what for. For lunch in the garden with friends, a very feminine dress, mid-length with a pretty neckline and in a soft floral print. For a gala dinner, any of the long Armani couture gowns you see here." ►

Based in Spain, Isabel is regularly voted the most elegant woman, yet she insists modestly: "I don't think I am." She does have strong views on elegance, though. For her, it's all about simplicity, and its enemies are "sloppiness, vulgarity and excess". Left: vibrant in Christian Lacroix. Right: in Armani Privé





**'Enrique has a great relationship with Anna. As for marriage, it's not for me to say'**

Isabel's exotic looks are complemented by this shimmering Elie Saab gown. She enjoys sharing fashion tips with her daughters, and as for the girl many believe will be her daughter-in-law, Anna Kournikova, she really likes her

**Anything you wouldn't touch?**

"I would never wear anything overdone or pretentious."

**Would you ever slip into a trikini?**

"You know, I don't think it would actually be any trickier to wear than a bikini!"

**Designer Carolina Herrera says that all of us, men and women, should take a good look in the mirror before leaving the house.**

"I agree, but it's important that it is just that one look. I can't bear people who're forever gazing at themselves."

**Does your family share your interest in fashion?**

"My daughters – because they're at the age to be interested."

**Talking of your children, your son Enrique is constantly rumoured to be marrying his girlfriend Anna Kournikova. How do you see their romance?**

"The same as ever, a great relationship. I really like her. As for marriage, it's not for me to say."

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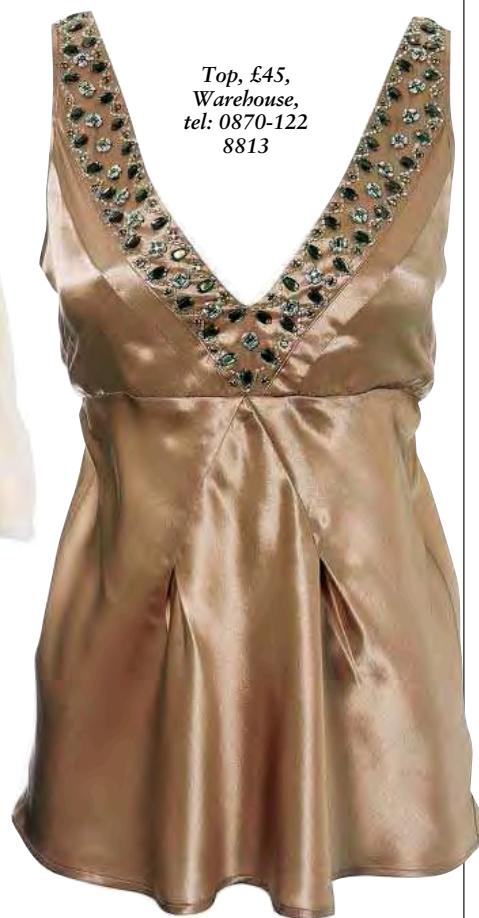
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Not for nothing was Jennifer Lopez Glow the biggest-selling scent in the year of its launch. A mere spritz away from that success came Sarah Jessica Parker's Lovely and Kylie's Darling. Little wonder, then, that Gwen Stefani, Mariah Carey and Kate Moss are creating their own signature scents, as the rising tide of celebrity perfumes continues unabated.

The simple truth is that while sex sells, celebrity sells so much more. Even Jade Goody's Shh! was a short-term bestseller before her very public downfall on *Celebrity Big Brother*.

But what are we buying when we pay up for a celebrity scent? Do any of us really believe that the celebrity in question has any input into its formulation?

It takes decades of training to become a truly great perfumer – also known as a “nose” – so all the celebrity can do is dictate the overall tone of the fragrance, be it floral, fresh, oriental and so on. Beyond that, very few people can identify individual notes in a scent and mix them to create a perfume. So celebrities have to rely on the skill of others to interpret their fragrant dreams.

To be honest, this is not any different from a designer scent by any catwalk king or queen, but then why do so many celebrity scents smell so similar – of soft, white flowers and fruits? Because just as sex and celebrity sell, so does safe. If the financial demands of the perfume industry mean that beauty companies can no longer afford to allow a cult scent to grow on us – like the much-missed days of Thierry Mugler's Angel – then they need to produce a scent that smells instantly likable and familiar.

Now, this is not a problem if you are producing a perfume for Kylie Minogue because she is instantly likable – everybody loves Kylie. In fact, so much so that Sweet Darling, the new incarnation of the original Darling with added notes of candyfloss, will hit counters in August.

But what happens when you create a scent for cutting-edge style icon Gwen Stefani, or the rebel child of fashion, Kate Moss? Surely both the perfumer and cosmetic company will realise that everyone expects something distinctly different? However, it takes a brave perfumer to create something really unusual. One “nose” who does dare to be different is Lyn Harris, who worked with Jane Birkin to create L'air de Rien when the actress was looking for her signature perfume, but wanted it to smell like “almost nothing” on

*Heiress Paris Hilton has created a suitably rich and heady fragrance*

her skin. It helped that Lyn has the luxury of being a cult perfumer for a luxury brand.

As avid fragrance fans keenly await a waft of the latest celebrity scents, we will all have to remain patient until September before our first sniff of Gwen Stefani's Lamb and Kate's, as yet untitled, perfume. In the meantime, here are some of the latest names to assail our nostrils...



## Famous names on the bottle...



**Celine Dion Spring in Paris, £15.95** A classic fruity floral, with notes of red and blackcurrant, mandarin, lilac, lily of the valley, musk, vanilla and soft woods



**Danielle by Danielle Steele, from £25** US Vogue editor Anna Wintour encouraged novelist Danielle to create a "floriental" scent to go with her collection of romantic novels

**With Love... Hilary Duff, from £22**  
The teen queen has produced a surprisingly sophisticated, stylish and very grown-up scent – in addition to fruit notes, it is rich in woods and amber



**Miller Harris L'Air de Rien, £75**  
Visit [www.millerharris.com](http://www.millerharris.com). Lyn Harris created this perfume that is beautifully subtle on the skin specially for the actress Jane Birkin. It smells of amber, vanilla, oak moss and neroli...



**Heiress by Paris Hilton, £36**  
Tel: 0845-688 3343. An elaborate cocktail of passion fruit and peach granita over champagne mimosa, dewberry and grenadine

**Jennifer Lopez Glow After Dark, £15** for a solid perfume pendant Scent number seven from Jennifer – little wonder when each is a bestseller



**Mary Kate and Ashley Hamptons Style and South Beach Chic, £9.99 each**  
Available from May. Tel: 0845-688 3343. Teen stars the Olsens recreated the scent of America's spiffiest seaside resorts with watermelon and mint, bergamot and muffin (yes, really)



**Intense Instinct by David Beckham, £19.50** The second men's scent from Britain's sexiest sportsman, with notes of lemon, ginger, chilled melon and coriander



**Bottling success:** (top to bottom) Kate Moss, Jennifer Lopez, Gwen Stefani and Hilary Duff are all on the scent of business success

# The shining

There's nothing to beat the feeling of soft, beautifully conditioned hair, and everyone takes a shine to glossy locks. But you're unlikely to get that luxurious look from everyday conditioners, which do little more than detangle your hair in the few seconds it takes to apply and rinse clean. Given the damage caused by blow-drying, styling and colouring, it's no wonder that hair often ends up dehydrated.

"Few women today have naturally shiny hair, because most tend to have colour, or extensions, or straighten or wave their hair," explains Victoria and David Beckham's hairstylist Ben Cooke. "This damages the surface cuticles, causing them to lift and even break off. The result is brittle, dry hair that looks dull and snaps off when brushed or combed."

The answer is to try a deep-conditioning hair mask. They work in minutes but can make a real difference to the long-term condition of your hair. "A good hair mask should make your hair look better in one application, and that effect should last you through the week until you next use it," says Ben.

Here's our round-up of the best deep-conditioning hair masks around, with a little help from our Ben.

**Herbal Essences 2 Minute Anti-Frizz Balm**, £3.69 Ben's favourite daily hair repair mask



**Redken Clear Moisture Water Rush**, £16.25 For damaged, dehydrated hair. Tel: 0800-444 880



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**Kiehl's Olive Fruit Oil Hair Pak**, £23 Tel: 020-7240 2411



**Philosophy Shear Splendor Hair Treatment Mask**, £18, from stores and [www.hqhair.com](http://www.hqhair.com)



**John Frieda Frizz-Ease Miraculous Recovery**, £5.49 Tel: 020-7851 9800

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# Avoid the big sneeze

For millions of people, hay fever misery is nothing to be sniffed at, but effective allergy treatments can prevent symptoms running out of control

**S**oaring temperatures last week gave us an early taste of summer, but for the one in five people in the UK who suffers from hay fever, it could be a premature start to a season of misery.

Hay fever isn't actually caused by hay, but by pollen from grasses, trees and flowers, or sometimes even the spores from fungi, and it seems our increasingly milder climate has extended the hay fever season.

"Birch pollen seasons have been starting in late March recently, whereas 20 years ago it was April," says Professor Jean Emberlin of the National Pollen Research Unit. "The grass pollen season, which affects 95 per cent of sufferers, can extend into late August."

## Pollen nation

With hay fever sufferers facing up to six months of sneezing, an itchy face, nose and mouth, red, watery eyes and asthma attacks, what can be done to alleviate the symptoms? Sufferers can be allergic to more than one kind of pollen, and one of the keys to treatment is to identify which type affects you.

Early symptoms, from late February to June, means you are likely to be allergic to tree pollen, while trouble from April to September indicates an allergy to grass and weed pollens. Problems from May to October suggest an allergy to fungal spores.

When you get a hay fever attack, help is at hand thanks to a slew of over-the-counter medicines. Pharmacists and GPs can give advice on the best treatments to suit you.

If your symptoms appear on only a few days of the summer, keep a packet of antihistamine tablets and take as required. For more persistent attacks, a three-step approach to treatment may be necessary: a spray to ease a blocked or runny nose, drops to soothe red, itchy eyes, and antihistamine tablets (or syrup for children). Be sure to check that the products you choose are compatible and suitable for all ages.

For more serious attacks, where over-the-counter medicines don't seem to help, a course of steroid tablets can be prescribed.

The latest treatment to be developed is called sub-lingual immunotherapy (SLIT), and hopes are high that it could transform the lives of hay fever sufferers. SLIT works by exposing sufferers to pollen at low doses through daily drops or tablets in the weeks before their hay fever kicks in. This seems to trigger the immune system to build a tolerance to the pollens. Early results show the treatment works well for people affected by grass pollens, with few side-effects, but it is only available in the UK through specialist allergy clinics for people who suffer from the most severe forms of hay fever.

## Clear the air

Prevention, they say, is better than cure, so here are some simple but effective ways of reducing your exposure to pollen.

- Check the daily pollen count on the TV, internet or radio. If it is high, try to avoid parks, grasslands and fields.
- Wear sunglasses outdoors to help prevent the pollen from entering your eyes.
- Try to stay indoors during times when the pollen count is high, usually 5am to 10am and 7pm to 9pm. Keep doors and windows shut during these times.
- Keep windows shut when travelling in your car.
- Shower regularly. This helps remove pollen from the skin and hair. Changing clothes after a shower or bath will also help to reduce exposure to pollen, as will changing bed linen more frequently.
- Go on holiday. Going abroad often gives instant relief as different countries have different climates and pollen.

## For further information

*Action Against Allergy can be found at [www.actionagainstallergy.co.uk](http://www.actionagainstallergy.co.uk) or tel: 020-8892 2711. To find your nearest NHS allergy clinic, visit [www.bsaci.org/clinics/uk/](http://www.bsaci.org/clinics/uk/). Details of the only UK-licensed SLIT treatment are at [www.grazax.com](http://www.grazax.com)*

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# An honest crust

You really can't beat the taste of home-baked bread. So use your loaf – you won't look back

## HERB FOUGASSE

This traditional leaf-shaped bread originates from Provence

**Makes 1 large loaf or  
2 small loaves**

### INGREDIENTS

#### For the starter

**10g/½oz fresh yeast**  
**150ml/5fl oz lukewarm water**  
**½ tsp caster sugar**  
**150g/5oz strong white flour**

#### For the dough

**10g/½oz fresh yeast**  
**150ml/5fl oz lukewarm water**  
**350g/12oz strong white flour**  
**2 tsp salt**  
**4 tbsp olive oil**  
**2 tbsp rice flour**  
**1 tbsp herbes de Provence**  
**Coarse sea salt**

To make the starter, whisk the yeast into the water, then stir in the sugar and flour. Cover with clingfilm and leave in a cool place overnight.

To make the dough, whisk the yeast into the water. Sift the flour into a bowl with the salt and make a well in the centre. Tip the starter into the well along with the new yeast mixture and 2 tbsp olive oil. Stir to make a soft dough, adding a little more water or flour if required. Knead for 10 minutes by hand or for 6 minutes by machine to make a smooth, elastic dough.

Place in an oiled bowl and turn to coat with a film of oil. Cover with oiled clingfilm and leave to rise in a warm place until doubled in size.

Heat the oven to 200°C, 400°F, Gas 6. Place a roasting tin on the lower shelf.

Sprinkle the rice flour onto a baking sheet and stretch the dough into 1 or 2 ovals on it, cutting slits where the veins

in a leaf would be found. Brush with 1 tbsp olive oil, cover with clingfilm and leave to prove (rise again) until the dough is pillowy and springs back just a little when prodded.

Sprinkle with the herbs and a little salt. Splash a little cold water into the roasting tin to create a steamy environment. Bake in the top third of the oven for 20-30 minutes.

Remove the bread from the baking sheet after 20 minutes and place it directly on the oven shelf so that the base can brown. Bake for a further 5-10 minutes, or until it is golden-brown, feels light and sounds hollow when tapped on the underside.

Transfer to a wire rack, drizzle with the remaining oil and leave to cool.



## STROMBOLI

Filled with cheese and ham, this is almost a meal in itself

**Makes 1 large loaf**

### INGREDIENTS

#### For the dough

**20g/½oz fresh yeast**  
**200ml/7fl oz lukewarm water**  
**1 tsp malt extract**  
**350g/12oz strong white flour**  
**1 tsp salt**  
**2 tbsp olive oil**

#### For the filling

**150g/5oz mozzarella**  
**150g/5oz Parma ham**  
**10g/½oz fresh basil, stems removed**

#### For the topping

**1 tbsp olive oil**  
**4 sprigs fresh rosemary**  
**Coarse sea salt**



## BAGELS

Don't be afraid to experiment with different flavourings. Try cinnamon and raisin, onion – or just as they come

**Makes 12**

### INGREDIENTS

**450g/1lb strong white flour**  
**1½ tsp salt**  
**15g/½oz fresh yeast**  
**225ml/8fl oz mixed milk and water,**  
**at room temperature**  
**1 tsp caster sugar**  
**1 tsp malt extract**  
**25g/1oz butter, melted and cooled**  
**1 egg, beaten**

### To poach

**1 tbsp malt extract**

### To glaze

**2 tbsp sesame seeds or poppy seeds**

Sift the flour and salt together into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Whisk the yeast into the milk and water, then add the sugar and malt extract. Pour the yeast mixture into the flour and salt. Add the melted butter and egg.

Mix to a dough and knead for 10 minutes by hand or 6 minutes by machine until smooth and elastic.

Place in an oiled bowl and turn to coat in the oil. Cover with oiled clingfilm and leave in a warm place for about 1½ hours or until doubled in size.

Knead the dough for 30 seconds then divide into 12 equal-sized balls. Make a hole in the centre of each and spin around your finger until the hole measures at least 4cm/1½in across.

Place the bagels on a greased baking sheet and cover with oiled clingfilm. Leave in a warm place for 20 minutes or until soft and pillowy.

Meanwhile, fill a large saucepan with water and add 1 tbsp malt extract. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat so an occasional bubble rises to the surface.

Preheat the oven to 220°C, 425°F, Gas 7. Place a baking stone, if using, in the top third of the oven and a roasting tin on the shelf below the baking stone.

Drop the bagels 1 or 2 at a time into the saucepan and poach for about 10 seconds per side. Remove with a slotted spoon and place on a tea towel to drain. If they collapse after poaching you have done them for too long. Do not leave them on the tea towel for more than 5 minutes or they will stick.

Place the bagels on the baking stone or a lightly greased baking sheet and sprinkle with sesame or poppy seeds. Bake for 20 minutes, remembering to add iced water to the roasting tin and to spray the bagels with a plant mister during the first 5 minutes of baking. Place on a wire rack to cool.

Place the yeast in a small bowl and mix to a thin cream with a little of the water. Stir in the malt extract and leave to stand for 5 minutes.

Sift the flour and salt into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Pour the yeast mixture and olive oil into the well. Stir together, adding enough of the remaining water to make a soft dough. Knead for about 10 minutes by hand or 6 minutes by machine until smooth and satiny.

Place in an oiled bowl and turn the dough to coat it in a thin film of oil. Cover with oiled clingfilm and leave to rise in a warm place until doubled in size.

Lightly flour a worktop. Lift the risen dough out of the bowl and place on the floured surface. Pat and stretch the dough into a 20 x 40cm/8 x 16in rectangle. Scatter with the cheese, ham and

basil then roll up from one of the long sides. Squeeze to join together and seal the filling inside the dough.

Place on an oiled baking sheet and pat to flatten slightly. Cover with oiled clingfilm and leave to prove (rise again) until soft and pillowy, or an indentation made with your finger only springs back about halfway.

Meanwhile preheat the oven to 220°C, 425°F, Gas 7.

Brush the dough with the olive oil. Break the rosemary sprigs in half, press on top of the dough and sprinkle with sea salt.

Place the dough in the top third of the oven and bake for 10 minutes. Turn down the temperature to 200°C, 400°F, Gas 6 and bake for a further 25-30 minutes, or until the bread sounds hollow when tapped on the underside. Cool on a wire rack for 1 hour before serving.





## SUN-DRIED TOMATO BREAD

Banish boring sliced white – sarnies deserve better

Makes 1 loaf

### INGREDIENTS

**15g/½oz fresh yeast**  
**2 tsp caster sugar**  
**200ml/7fl oz lukewarm water**  
**350g/12oz strong white flour**  
**1 tsp salt**  
**2 tbsp oil from sun-dried tomato jar**  
**50g/2oz sun-dried tomatoes, cut into ½cm/¼in pieces**

Place the yeast in a bowl with the sugar and 2 tbsp of the water. Mix until smooth.

Sift the flour and salt into a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Add the oil to the well with the sun-dried tomatoes and yeast mixture, then mix with enough water to make a soft but not sticky dough.

Knead by hand for 10 minutes or by machine for 6 minutes until smooth and satiny. Place the dough in an oiled bowl and turn to coat in a thin film of oil. Cover with oiled clingfilm and leave in a warm place until doubled in size.

Meanwhile preheat the oven to 220°C, 425°F, Gas 7.

Knead the dough lightly and shape into a loaf. Place in an oiled 675g/1½lb loaf tin and cover with oiled clingfilm. Leave in a warm place until it has risen just above the top of the tin.

Place in the top third of the oven and reduce the temperature to 200°C, 400°F, Gas 6. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the tin and cool on a wire rack.



## PUMPKIN SEED LOAF

Butternut squash works equally well in this crusty loaf

Makes 1 large loaf

### INGREDIENTS

**450g/1lb pumpkin or butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and cut into chunks**  
**15g/½oz fresh yeast**  
**2 tsp clear honey**  
**2 tbsp lukewarm water**  
**450g/1lb strong white flour**  
**1 tsp salt**  
**4 tbsp pumpkin seeds**  
**1 egg, beaten**  
**½ tbsp pumpkin seeds**

Steam the pumpkin or squash until very soft then purée and allow to cool.

Mix the yeast with the honey and water. Sift the flour

and salt into a large bowl, then add the yeast and pumpkin purée. Mix to a soft but not wet dough, adding more flour or water if needed.

Place the dough on a floured surface and knead for 10 minutes by hand or 6 minutes by machine until smooth and elastic. Place in an oiled bowl and turn to coat in a film of oil. Cover with a piece of oiled clingfilm and leave in a warm, draught-free place until it has doubled in size.

When the dough has risen, place on a floured surface. Scatter with pumpkin seeds and work them into the

dough, knocking it back (see 'All Rise') at the same time.

Preheat the oven to 200°C, 400°F, Gas 6 and grease a baking sheet.

Shape the dough into an oblong loaf and place on the baking sheet. Cover with oiled clingfilm and leave to prove for 20 minutes or until it is 1½ times its original size. Brush with the beaten egg and scatter with the remaining pumpkin seeds. Make a 1cm/¼in-deep slash in the centre.

Bake for 40-45 minutes or until it sounds hollow when tapped on the underside. Leave to cool on a wire rack.

## ALL RISE

● There are six basic stages to bread making: mixing (the yeast, flour, salt and liquid); kneading the dough; leaving it to rise; knocking back, or shaping, the dough to even out the texture and form the desired shape; proving (the last rising before the dough is baked); and baking.

● Our recipes are taken from *Leiths Baking*

*Bible* (published in hardback by Bloomsbury, priced £35), the definitive guide to home-baking. It comprises four main sections – on pastry, biscuits, cakes and breads – with tried-and-tested recipes, easy step-by-step instructions, plus tips.

● For more information on Leiths cookery school and classes, visit [www.leiths.com](http://www.leiths.com)

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## HERE'S ONE YOU CAN DASH OFF...

### BRUSCHETTA

Topped with sunshine flavours, these are great served alfresco with drinks

Serves 4

### INGREDIENTS

**50g/2oz softened butter**  
**2 cloves garlic, crushed**  
**2 tbsp Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce**  
**8 slices French bread, cut on the diagonal**  
**2 medium tomatoes, sliced**

**1 x 150g pack soft mozzarella, thinly sliced**  
**16 pitted olives, halved**  
**Fresh basil leaves to garnish**

Preheat the oven to 200°C, 400°F, Gas 6.

Mix together the butter, garlic and Lea & Perrins, then spread over the slices of French bread. Arrange on a

baking sheet and bake in the oven for 5 minutes until beginning to brown.

Remove from the oven, then top each slice of French bread with slices of tomato and mozzarella cheese, finishing with some olive halves.

Return to the oven for a further 5 minutes until the cheese has melted. Serve immediately, garnished with basil leaves.

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## SEARED BEEF AND SEASONAL VEGETABLE STIR-FRY

A healthy, balanced meal bursting with the best of spring's harvest

Serves 2

### INGREDIENTS

1 tsp oil  
225g/8oz lean beef sirloin thin-cut steaks, cut into thin strips  
50g/2oz baby asparagus  
4 baby courgettes, trimmed and thickly sliced  
100g/4oz fresh peas  
50g/2oz purple sprouting broccoli  
2 heads pak choi, cut into quarters  
Juice and grated zest of 1 lime  
1 tbsp mint jelly  
1 tbsp fresh mint, chopped  
1 tbsp fresh dill, chopped  
Crusty bread to serve

Heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan, add the strips of beef and stir-fry for 3-4 minutes until browned.

Add the asparagus, courgettes, peas, broccoli and pak choi then cook for a further 3-4 minutes.

Mix together the lime juice and zest, mint jelly, chopped mint and dill, then add to the pan and stir through.

Serve piled into warm bowls with crusty bread.

# Meat and greet

These colourful dishes are ideal if you want to whip up a quick brunch for friends but don't want to spend long in the kitchen



## PORK AND BACON BRUNCH PATTIES

For a more satisfying meal, top the potato cakes and pork patties with a poached egg and serve with cherry tomatoes on the side

Serves 4

### INGREDIENTS

450g/1lb lean pork mince  
75g/3oz lean dry-cured back bacon rashers, finely chopped  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Cherry tomatoes and poached eggs to serve (optional)

### For the rösti

3 large potatoes, peeled  
1 onion, peeled and grated  
1 tbsp oil for frying

Mix the mince and bacon together in a bowl and season with black pepper. Using wet

hands to prevent the mixture sticking, shape into 4-8 thinnish patties and set aside.

For the rösti, coarsely grate the potatoes and place on a clean tea towel or kitchen towel to absorb the moisture. Place in a bowl, add the onion, season and combine.

Heat the oil in a large frying pan, take a handful of the rösti mixture, place in the pan and squash down slightly. Cook until golden brown on each side, turning carefully. Repeat to make 4-8 rösti.

Meanwhile heat a frying pan and cook the pork patties for 4-5 minutes, turning, until thoroughly cooked. Drain on kitchen paper.

Place 1-2 rösti in the middle of each warm plate and perch 1-2 pork patties on top. Serve topped with a poached egg and cherry tomatoes on the side if liked.

## WAKE UP YOUR TASTEBUDS

Our dishes, taken from the *Spring Fresh* recipe booklet from MeatMatters.com, can be rustled up and on the table in under 20 minutes – leaving you more time for important things like catching up with friends.

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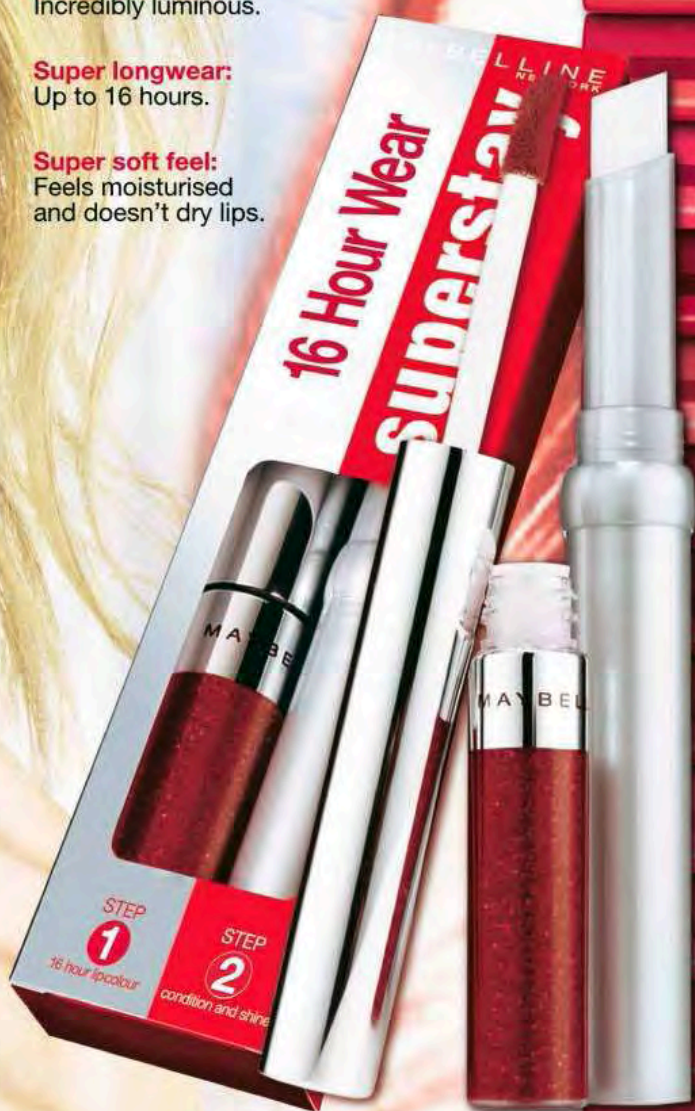
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